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Before our friends,

our families...

our planet...

burns to nothing.

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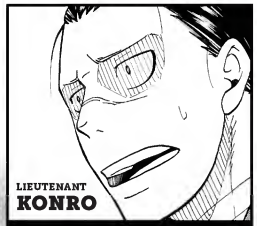
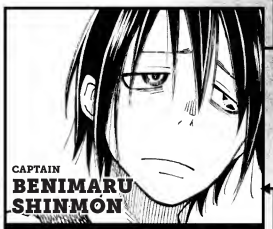
SPECIAL FIRE FORCE COMPANY 7

An unorthodox company made up of former vigilante corps members?!



LIEUTENANT
KONRO

The man who is always found at Benimaru's side, addressing him as "Waka." One of Konro's duties is to rein in the combative Benimaru. The reason part of his body has turned to charcoal is...?



CAPTAIN
BENIMARU SHINMON

A composite fire soldier, with the powers of a second gen and a third gen pyrokinetic. The leader of the rough-and-tumble Company 7, there are whispered rumors that he is the toughest soldier on the force. He has little faith in the Great Sun God, and is a proto-nationalist opposed to the reign of the Holy Sol Temple.

ARE THEY BEHIND THE ARTIFICIAL INFERNALS?

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!

THE INFERNALS

Born from the cryptogenic phenomenon of spontaneous human combustion (SHC), they have no self-awareness, and only wreak havoc until their lives burn out.

THE WHITE HOODS

An esoteric group that uses bugs to artificially ignite Infernals in their mission to carry out the Evangelist's precepts. They appear to have high-level fighting powers, but there are many aspects of their objective that remain unclear.

HIKAGE & HINATA

Cute twins, each with a sweet tooth, who have unfortunately picked up Benimaru's rude speech habits. They're taken quite a shine to Shinra.

SUMMARY...

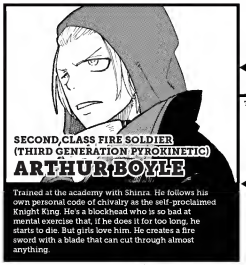
Company 8 has decided to trust Joker's information for now, and to search for the Evangelist under the assumption that Shinra's brother is still alive. They follow the clues to Asakusa—Company 7's jurisdiction. But while there, they run into another Infernal outbreak. Benimaru suspects Obi and Hinawa of causing the combustion, and they have no choice but to fight a duel with the most powerful soldier on the force! What will be the outcome of this epic Captain-to-Captain battle?!

TAMAKI KOTATSU

Originally a rookie member of Company 1, she was caught up in the treasonous plot of her superior officer Hoshimiya, and is currently being disciplined under Company 8's watch. A girl with an unfortunate "lucky lecher lure" condition, she nevertheless has a pure heart.

HAS HIM ON HER MIND

SPECIAL FIRE FORCE COMPANY 8



SECOND CLASS FIRE SOLDIER
(THIRD GENERATION PYROKINETIC)
ARTHUR BOYLE

Trained at the academy with Shinra. He follows his own personal code of chivalry as the self-proclaimed Knight King. He's a blockhead who is so bad at mental exercise that, if he does it for too long, he starts to die. But girls love him. He creates a fire sword with a blade that can cut through almost anything.

WATCHES OUT FOR

TRUSTS

CAPTAIN
(NON-POWERED)
AKITARU ŌBI

The popular and charismatic leader of the newly established Company 8. His goal is to investigate the other companies and uncover the truth about spontaneous human combustion. He has no powers, but uses his finely-honed muscles as a weapon in a battle style that's on even par with Benimaru's. Loves bodybuilding to an almost creepy extent.

IDIOT!

WATCHES OUT FOR

TRUSTS

STRONG BOND

SECOND CLASS FIRE SOLDIER
(THIRD GENERATION PYROKINETIC)
SHINRA KUSAKABE

The bizarre smile that shows on his face when he gets nervous has earned him the derisive nickname of "devil." As he searches for his long-lost brother, he aims to be a hero who saves humanity from spontaneous combustion! In addition to his fiery kick, he appears to have a special flame known as the adolla burst....

A NICE GIRL

LOOKS AWESOME ON THE JOB

NUN
(NON-POWERED)
IRIS

A sister of the Holy Sol Temple, her prayers are an indispensable part of extinguishing Infernals. Personality-wise, she is no less than an angel. Her boobs are big. Very big. Since reconciling with Captain Hibana from Company 5, they have been as close as real sisters.

A TOUGH BUT WEIRD LADY

HANG IN THERE, ROOKIE!

FIRST CLASS FIRE SOLDIER
(SECOND GENERATION PYROKINETIC)
MAKI OZE

A former member of the military, she is an excellent fighter who controls fire. She's a cool lady, but is mad about love stories, and her beauty is overshadowed by her "head full of flowers and wedding bells." She's friendly, but goes berserk when anyone comments on her muscles. Apparently she used to be slender.

TERRIFIED

STRICT DISCIPLINARIAN

LIEUTENANT
(SECOND GENERATION PYROKINETIC)
TAKEHISA HINAWA

A dry, unemotional ex-military man, whose stern discipline is feared among the new recruits. He helped Obi to found Company 8. He never allows the soldiers to play with fire. The gun he uses is a cherished memento from his friend who became an Infernal.

THE GIRLS' CLUB

RESPECTS

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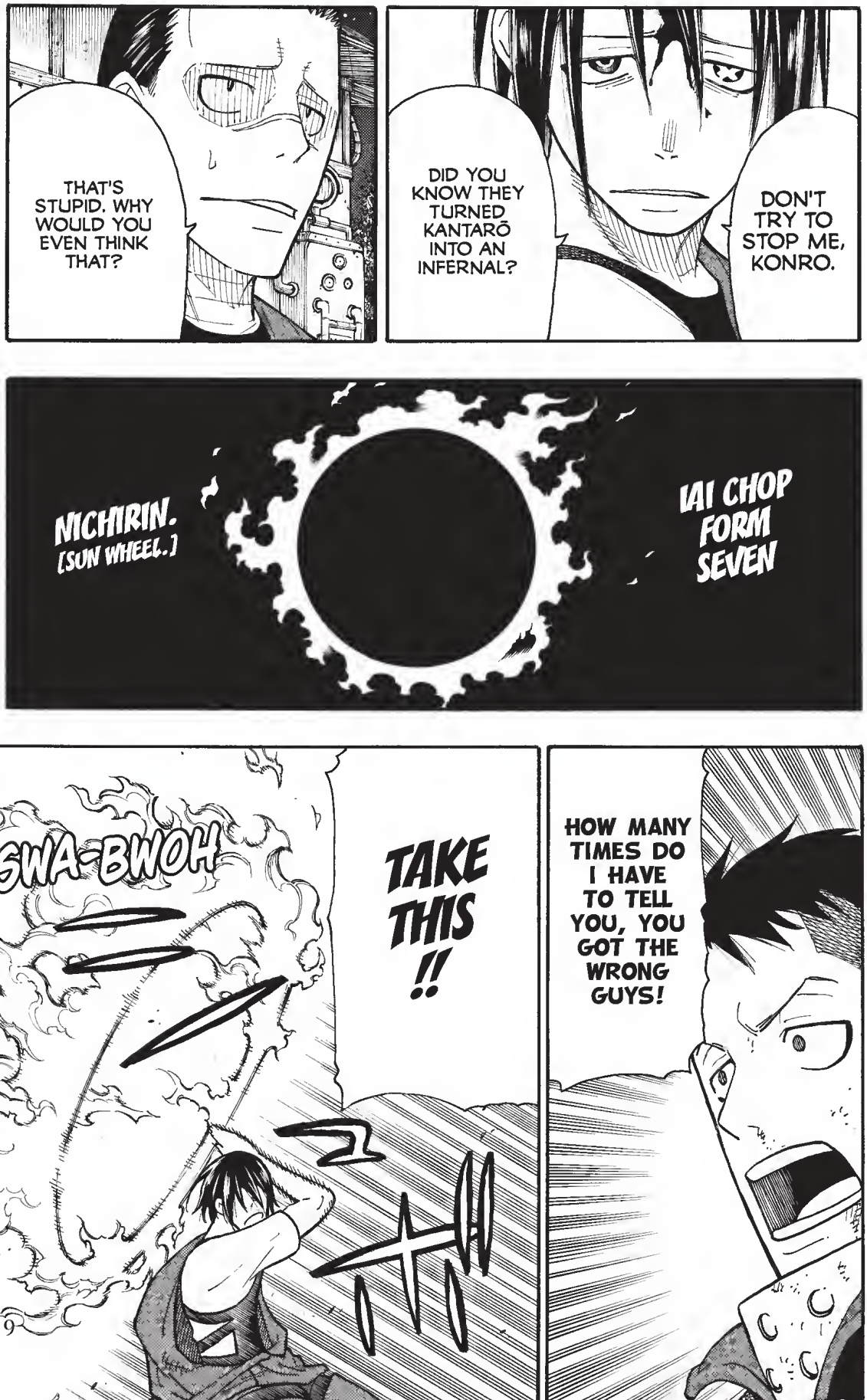
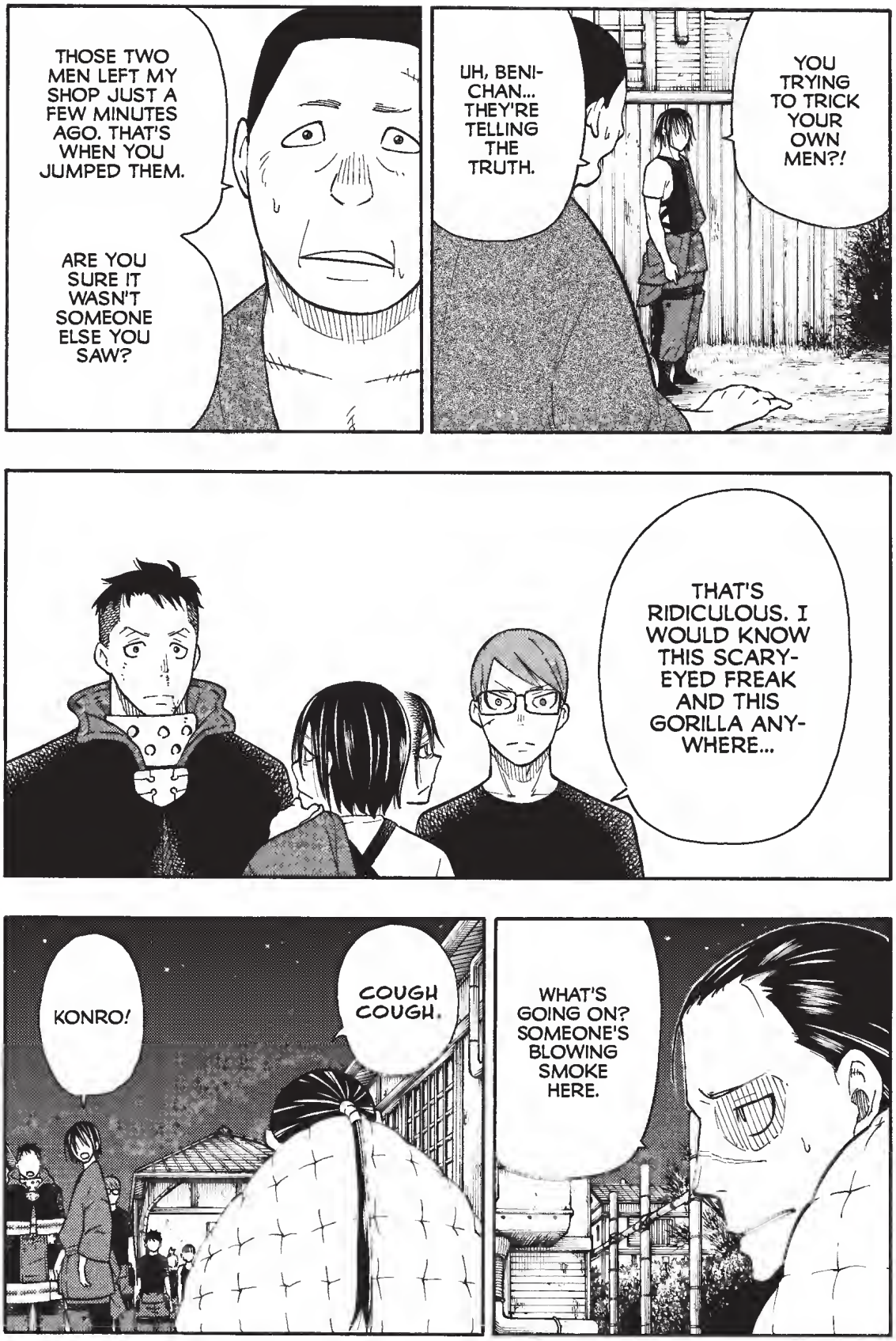
CHAPTER XLIII: THE REASON WE FIGHT

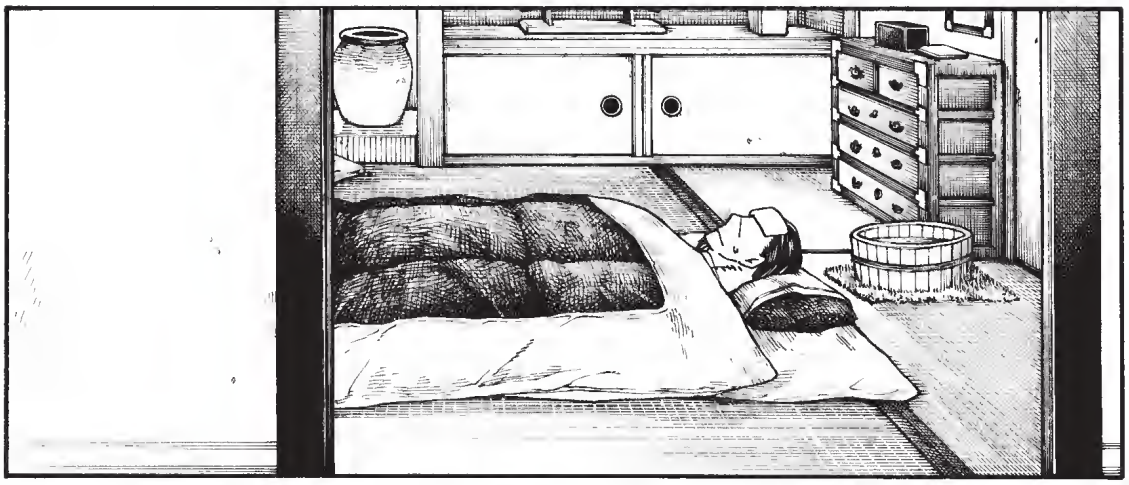

THAT'S STUPID. WHY WOULD YOU EVEN THINK THAT?
DID YOU KNOW THEY TURNED KANTARŌ INTO AN INFERNAL?
DON'T TRY TO STOP ME, KONRO.
NICHIRIN. [SUN WHEEL.]
IAI CHOP FORM SEVEN
SWA-BWOH
TAKE THIS!!
AHH
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU, YOU GOT THE WRONG GUYS!

GRAB
?!!
KONRO! LET GO OF ME!!
COOL IT, WAKA!!
!!
CLAMP

SLUMP
YOU IDIOT! WHY ARE YOU USING YOUR POWERS?!
FSHHH
TEPH-ROSIS...
...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
HURRY! GET HIM A COOLING BLANKET!!
LIEU-TENANT!
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE COMPANY 8 A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN THEM-SELVES?
STAY THE HELL AWAY FROM HIM!!
WAKA!

CAPTAIN ŌBI AND I WERE AT THE TOWN GENERAL STORE, STOCKING UP ON BUILDING SUPPLIES. WE SAID AS MUCH TO FIRE SOLDIER MAKI OVER THERE.
WHAT?
YES, I REMEMBER.
COMPANY 8! IF WAKA REALLY SAW SOMEBODY ELSE, THEN WHERE WERE YOU AT THE TIME?
HERE'S A COOLING BLANKET, LIEUTENANT.
THANKS.
FWOOSH
OH...UH...IT'S JUST, YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU'D BE WAITING FOR CAPTAIN SHINMON IN THE ALLEY, AND YOU WANTED ME TO GO GET HIM.
?!
WHAT'S WRONG, SHINRA?
HUH?!
BUT...
I DON'T REMEMBER EVER SAYING THAT...
...
AND HE DID– THAT'S WHY I WENT OVER THERE TO FIND YOU.


THOSE TWO MEN LEFT MY SHOP JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO. THAT'S WHEN YOU JUMPED THEM.
ARE YOU SURE IT WASN'T SOMEONE ELSE YOU SAW?
UH, BENI-CHAN... THEY'RE TELLING THE TRUTH.
YOU TRYING TO TRICK YOUR OWN MEN?!
THAT'S RIDICULOUS. I WOULD KNOW THIS SCARY-EYED FREAK AND THIS GORILLA ANY-WHERE...
KONRO!
COUGH COUGH.
WHAT'S GOING ON? SOMEONE'S BLOWING SMOKE HERE.



FOR KONRO'S SAKE, I'LL CALL A TRUCE FOR NOW.
I'M GONNA GO ASK AROUND.
DON'T LEAVE TOWN UNTIL I GET THIS CLEARED UP.
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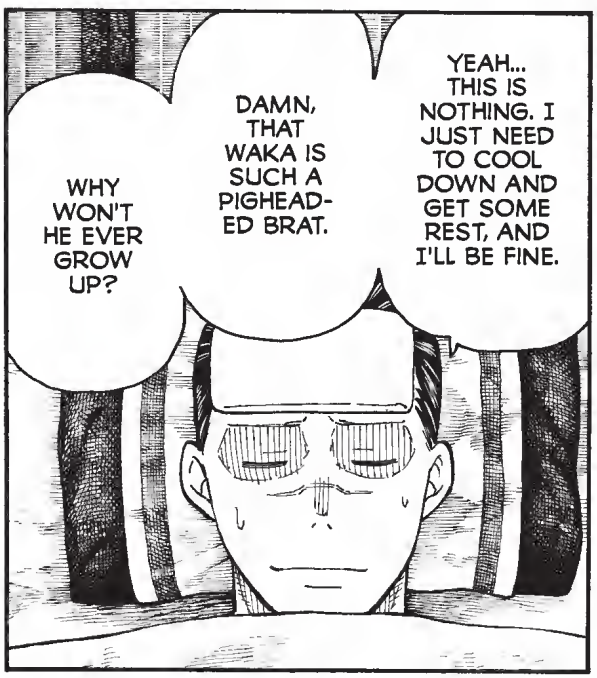
YEAH... THIS IS NOTHING. I JUST NEED TO COOL DOWN AND GET SOME REST, AND I'LL BE FINE.
DAMN, THAT WAKA IS SUCH A PIGHEAD-ED BRAT.
WHY WON'T HE EVER GROW UP?

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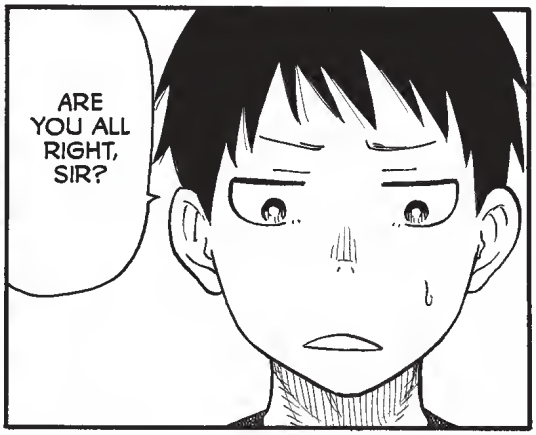
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIR?

IT'S MY OWN FAULT. I WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH.
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU KEEP USING YOUR POWERS AFTER YOU'VE OVER-HEATED-YOUR BODY TURNS TO ASH.
SO... YOUR CONDI-TION, LIEU-TENANT KONRO. DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
IT SEEMED LIKE CAPTAIN SHINMON WAS BLAM-ING HIMSELF FOR SOME-THING...
...
WHEN IT HAP-PENED, I...
WAKA DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.
HEY...LIE DOWN!
HE DIDN'T DO ANY-THING WRONG.
MIND IF I TELL YOU?
IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO...

BEFORE WE WERE RECOGNIZED AS AN OFFICIAL FIRE FORCE COMPANY...
RUN! GET TO THE RIVER!!
AAAA-AHHH!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

KON-SAN!! THERE'S ANOTHER INFERNAL COMING FROM OUTSIDE THE CITY! IT'S HEADED THIS WAY!!
THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE!!
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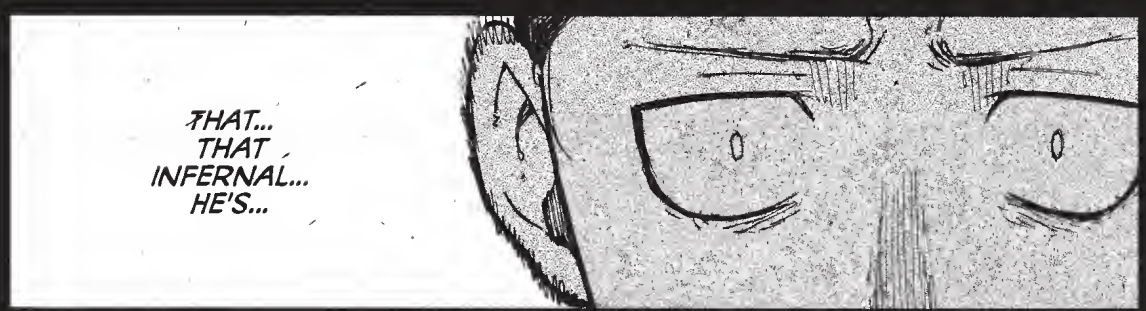
RRRUUUMMBLE
WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING? HOW CAN SO MANY PEOPLE GO INFERNAL IN JUST ONE NIGHT?
IT DOESN'T MATTER—WE HAVE TO GET THE CITIZENS TO SAFETY.
KON-CHAN! YOU HAVE TO PUT OUT THE FIRE!! IF YOU DON'T HURRY, THE WHOLE TOWN'LL GO UP IN SMOKE!!
BE REASONABLE!! WE HAVE LIVES TO SAVE AND INFERNALS TO EXTINGUISH, AND KON-SAN AND BENI ARE DOING ALL OF IT BY THEMSELVES!!
WHERE THE HELL IS THE SPECIAL FIRE FORCE? WHEN ARE THEY GONNA GET HERE?!
WE CAN'T COUNT ON THEM. ...WE TAKE CARE OF THIS OURSELVES!
STAGGER
DAMN... JUST ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER...
I'M ON MY WAY.
BENI !!

YOU'RE OVER-HEAT-ING?
I INHALE, BUT IT'S LIKE... I'M NOT... GETTING ANY OXYGEN.
DAMMIT ... I CAN'T BREATHE ...
YOU STAY HERE, BENI!
STAGGER
KON-CHAN!! O...OVER HERE...
DON'T BE STUPID!! YOU'RE IN JUST AS BAD SHAPE AS I AM!!
FWOOSH

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
WHA...?!
WHAT IS THAT?
A DEMON ?!!


THAT...
THAT
INFERNAL...
HE'S...

HE'S
GONNA
BE
HELL!

SHOVE
BNOH
WHY DID YOU...?
KONRO!!

IT'S TOO SOON, BENI. ...I CAN'T LET YOUR FIRE GO OUT YET.
IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO GET YOU TO HOLD STILL, YOU RAM-BUNCTIOUS LITTLE BRAT.
FWOOOO
SH
I'LL HANDLE HIM.

ZLRR
ズル
COUGH
COUGH
BOOM
HOW LONG WAS I OUT?!
WAIT ... IT'S MORN-ING.
~~!!
DAMMIT!!
KONRO !!
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KONRO !!
YOU OKAY ?!
DID YOU GET THE INFER-NAL?!
OH... BEN!...
YEAH... BARELY.
...
LOOK AT YOU- YOU'RE TURNING TO CHAR-COAL!
...
SIZZLE チリ
SIZZLE チリ
KONRO... WHY?
IF I HAD FOUGHT WITH YOU... YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN BEAT UP THIS BAD.
WHY WOULDN'T YOU LET ME HELP?
BECAUSE, BEN!...
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE YOU.
THAT'S STU-PID!! THAT WOULDN'T'VE BEEN ENOUGH TO TAKE ME DOWN! SO WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO FOR YOU TO TAKE A FALL?!

GRAB
AND LOOK AT YOU! WHO'S GONNA LEAD ASAKUSA NOW?!
THEY ONLY FOLLOW *ME* BECAUSE OF *YOU*...
WHOOM
YOU ARE,
BENI-MARU.

DO YOU STAND FOR THE SUN?
FIRE FORCE
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DEVIL'S FOOT PRINT
Ash

CHAPTER XLIV: COMPANY 7 IS BORN

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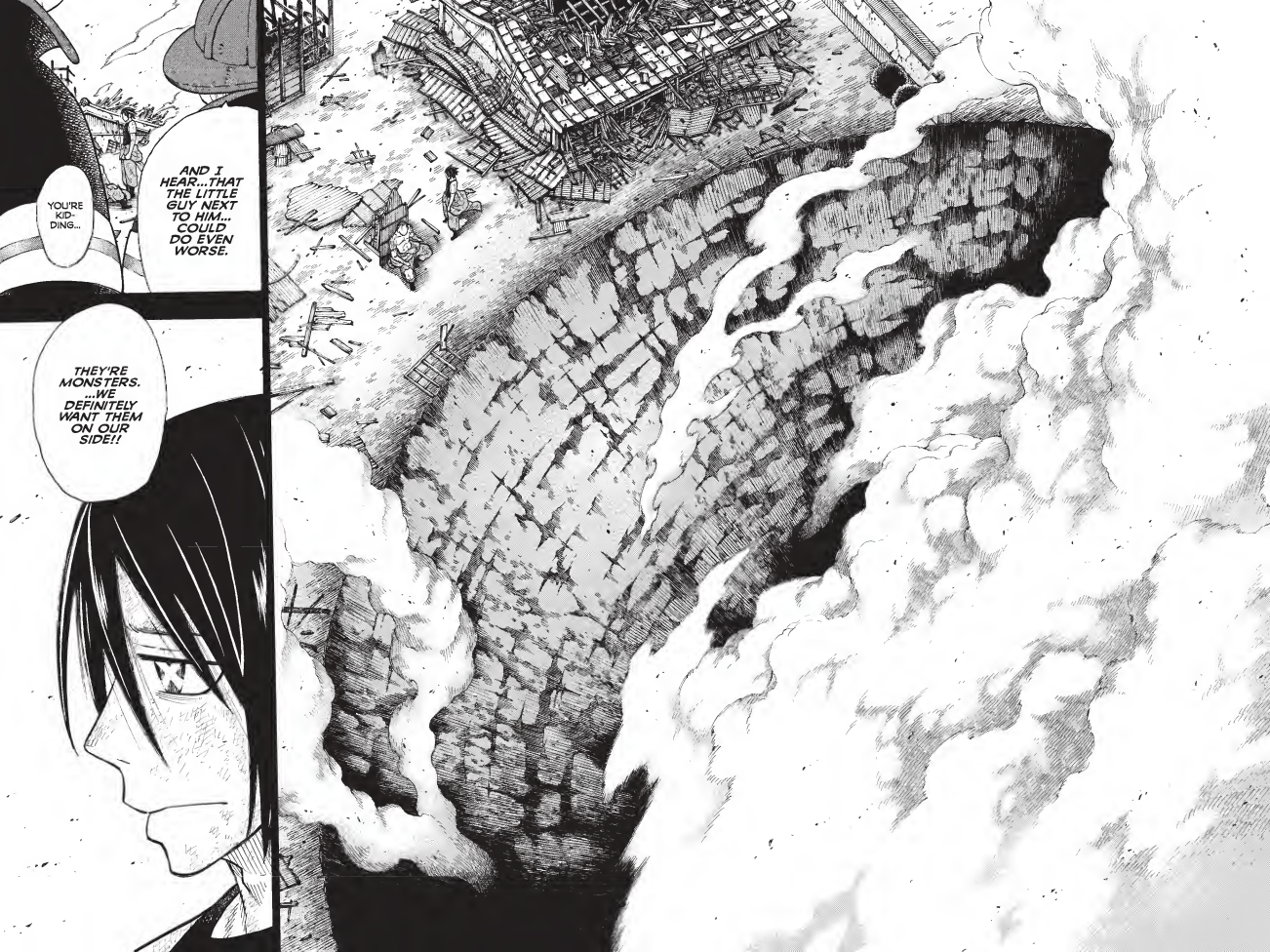
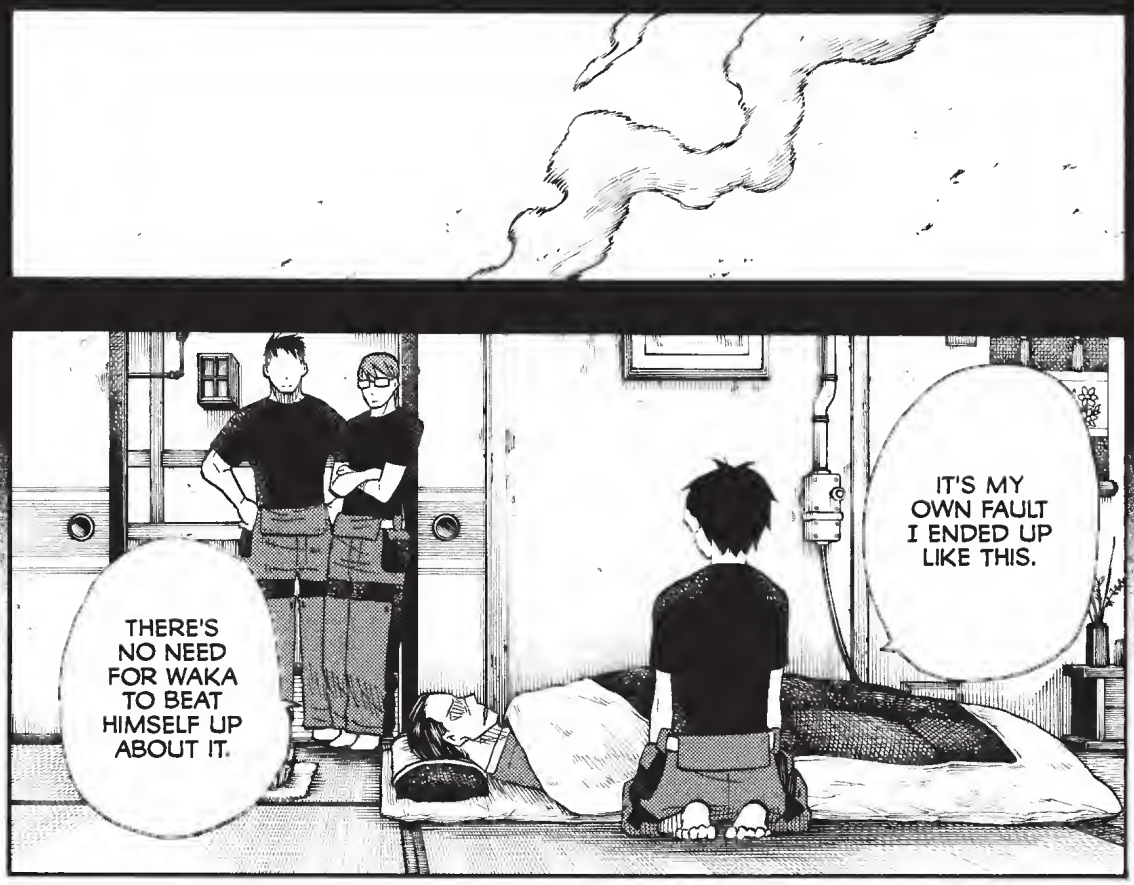
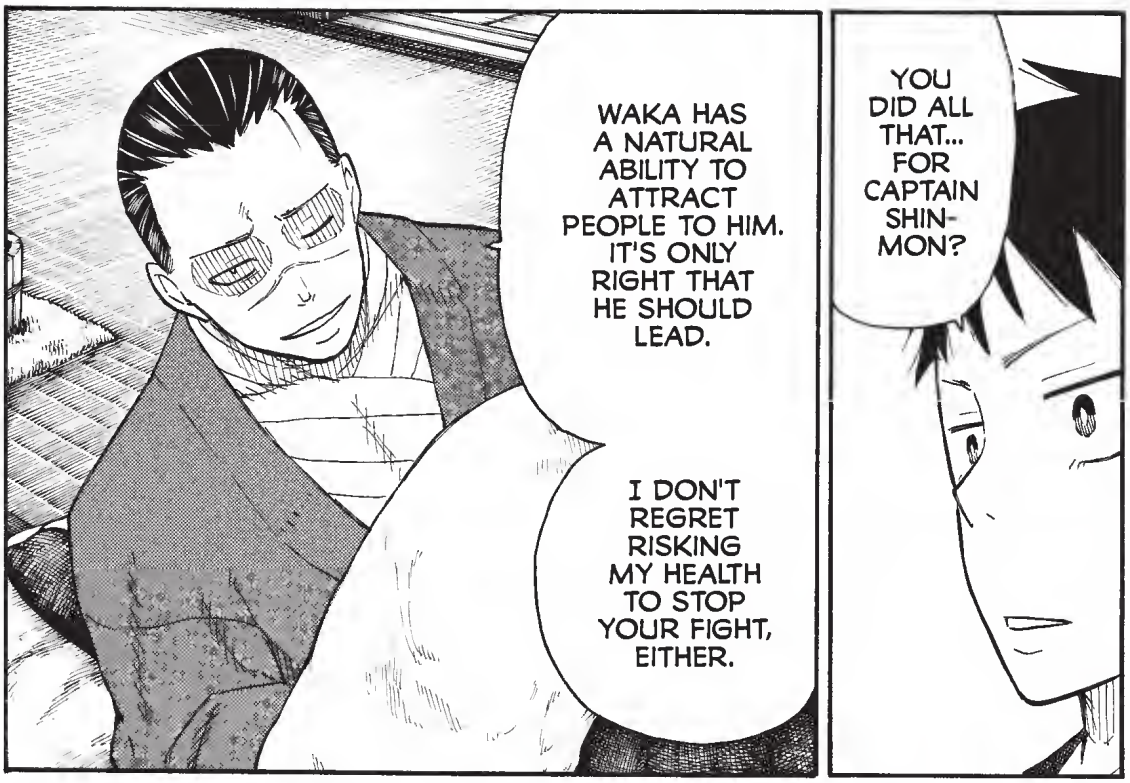
BY ORDER OF HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, WE OFFICIALLY WELCOME THE ASAKUSA FIRE BRIGADE INTO THE SPECIAL FIRE FORCE AS COMPANY 7.
!
YOU WANT TO MAKE US YOUR COMPANY 7? WHAT'S IN IT FOR US?
NOW, WAIT A MINUTE.
BENI!
WHAT?! YOU GOTTA KIDDING ME!!
I CAN'T GIVE YOU AN ANSWER NOW. ...LET ME THINK ABOUT IT.
I DON'T THINK YOU'LL FIND ANY REASON TO REFUSE.
ONCE YOU'RE OFFICIALLY ORGANIZED UNDER THE IMPERIAL BANNER, WE WILL SUPPLY YOU WITH FUNDS, OF COURSE, AS WELL AS MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, AND SKILLED SOLDIERS.

IF THEY WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF US, THEN WE'LL JUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM, TOO.
IF WE COULD HAVE OPERATED AS AN OFFICIAL COMPANY, WE MIGHT HAVE AVOIDED SOME OF THE DAMAGE WE TOOK LAST NIGHT.
YOU WANNA BE THE EMPIRE'S LITTLE LAP-DOG?!!
AND IT WOULD BE VERY REASSURING FOR US TO HAVE BRAVE SOLDIERS LIKE YOU ON OUR FORCE.
I AWAIT YOUR FAVORABLE RESPONSE.
EVERYBODY KNOWS THEY'RE A BUNCH OF RUFFIANS, AND NOW THEY WANT TO LUMP US IN WITH THEM? HOW WILL THAT HELP ANYTHING?
THOSE GUYS ARE GONNA BE THE NEW COMPANY 7?
ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, THAT GUY LEANING ON THE RUBBLE THERE— HE DID THAT. ...ALL BY HIMSELF.
DON'T BE AN IDIOT. LOOK AT THE GROUND OVER THERE.
TOKYO

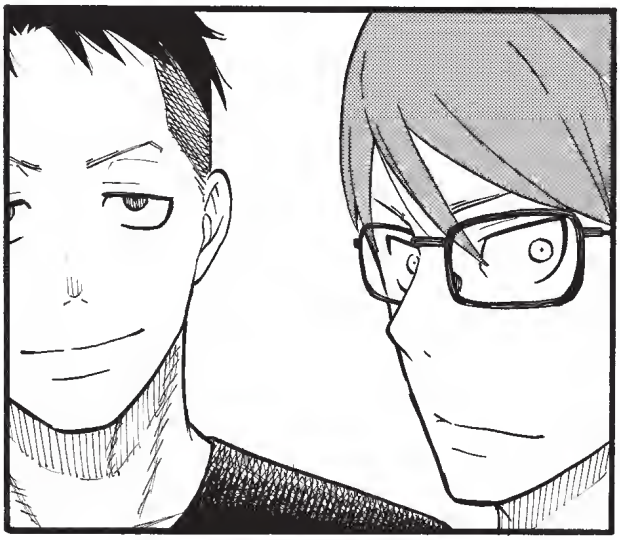

YOU'RE KID-DING...
AND I HEAR...THAT THE LITTLE GUY NEXT TO HIM... COULD DO EVEN WORSE.
THEY'RE MONSTERS. ...WE DEFINITELY WANT THEM ON OUR SIDE!!

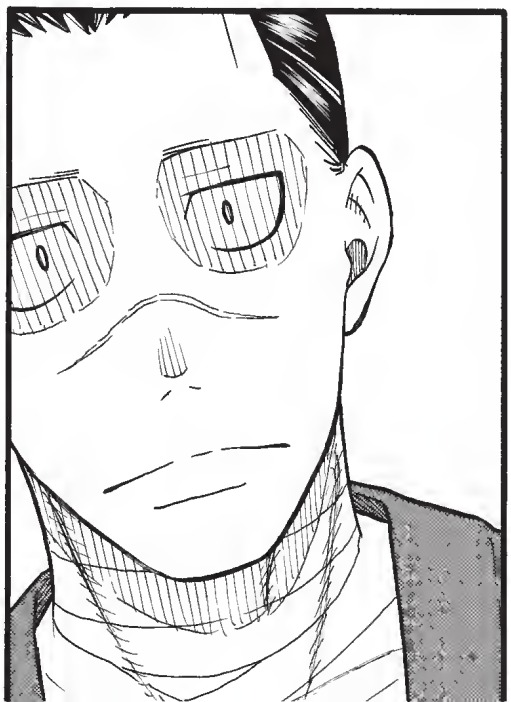

IT'S MY OWN FAULT I ENDED UP LIKE THIS.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR WAKA TO BEAT HIMSELF UP ABOUT IT.

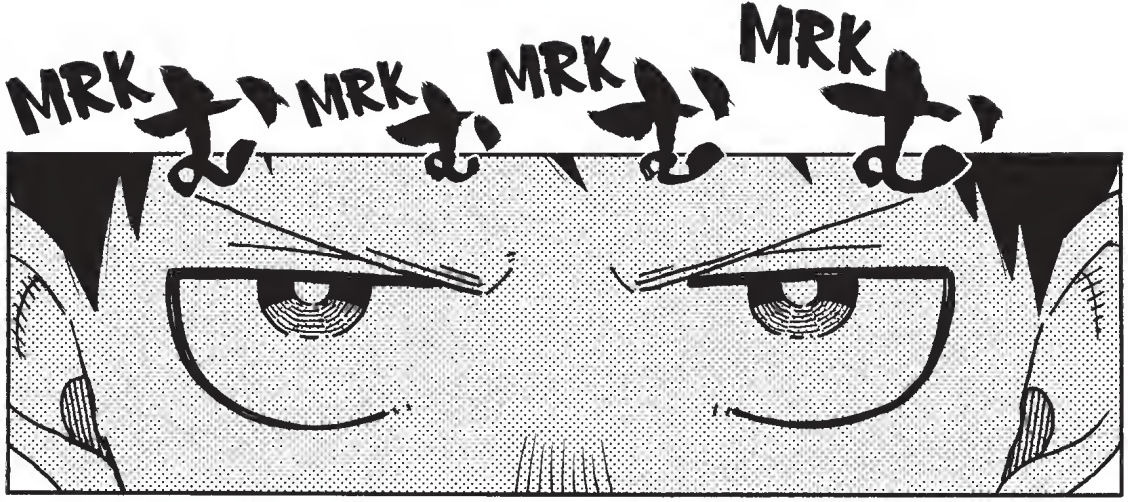

YOU DID ALL THAT... FOR CAPTAIN SHIN-MON?
WAKA HAS A NATURAL ABILITY TO ATTRACT PEOPLE TO HIM. IT'S ONLY RIGHT THAT HE SHOULD LEAD.
I DON'T REGRET RISKING MY HEALTH TO STOP YOUR FIGHT, EITHER.

YOU'RE MEN, YOU UNDER-STAND.
MY LIFE ISN'T WORTH MUCH. IF IT WILL BUILD WAKA UP, I'LL LAY IT DOWN AS MANY TIMES AS I HAVE TO.
...
THAT'S NO REASON TO...
Y...YOU CAN'T THINK LIKE THAT, SIR.
YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND YET.
SINCE...SINCE ALMOST BEFORE I CAN REMEMBER, MY FAMILY...
EVERYONE WHO MEANT ANYTHING TO ME...WAS GONE.
SO IF YOU ASK ME, THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A LIFE THAT ISN'T WORTH MUCH, OR A LIFE THAT IS... THEY ALL MEAN SOMETHING TO SOMEBODY.

SO I WANT TO BE A HERO, SO I CAN SAVE EVERY-ONE!!
LIEU-TENANT KONRO!!
USE ME BEFORE YOU PUT YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE AGAIN!! I WANT TO HELP!!

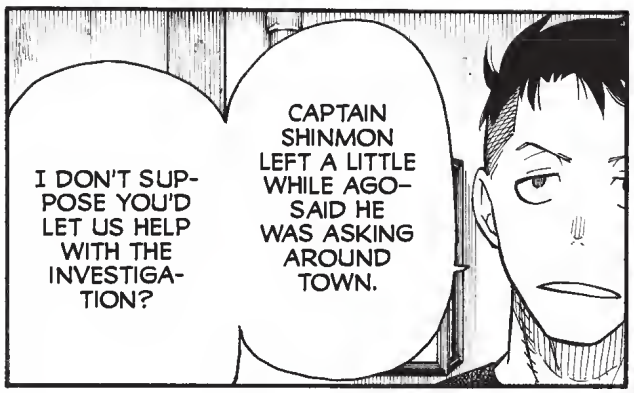





MRK
MRK
MRK
MRK

WHAT MEANS THE WORLD TO ME...

...THANKS. I APPRECIATE THAT YOU FEEL THAT WAY.
I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT, UNTIL YOU FIND WHAT REALLY MEANS THE WORLD TO YOU.
THUMP

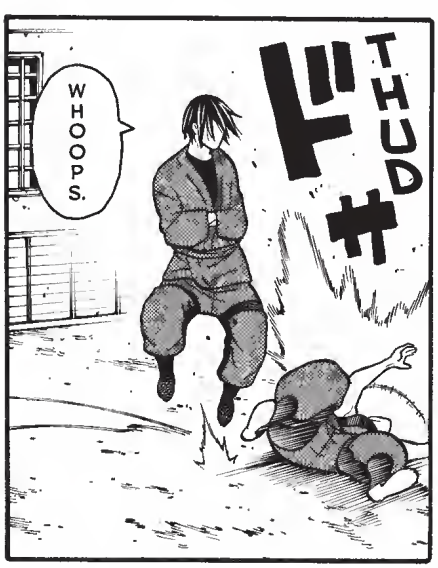

I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'D LET US HELP WITH THE INVESTIGATION?
CAPTAIN SHINMON LEFT A LITTLE WHILE AGO– SAID HE WAS ASKING AROUND TOWN.

I DON'T MIND. IT SHOULD BE FINE AS LONG AS I KEEP AN EYE ON YOU.

THANKS FOR LISTENING TO ME TALK... I FEEL BETTER NOW! AND I CAN'T LIE AROUND HERE FOREVER.

I FOUND YOU, YOU LITTLE PUNK! YOU GOT SOME NERVE SKIPPING THE BILL ON ME!!
...
WHAT IN THE—?! WHY WOULD I TELL YOU TO THROW OUT MY SHOES?!
YOU YOURSELF TOLD ME TO DO IT, JUST A MINUTE AGO!

YO!! CUT IT OUT, ALL OF YOU!!
I KNOW STREET FIGHTS ARE KIND OF OUR THING, BUT WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?


WHOOPS.
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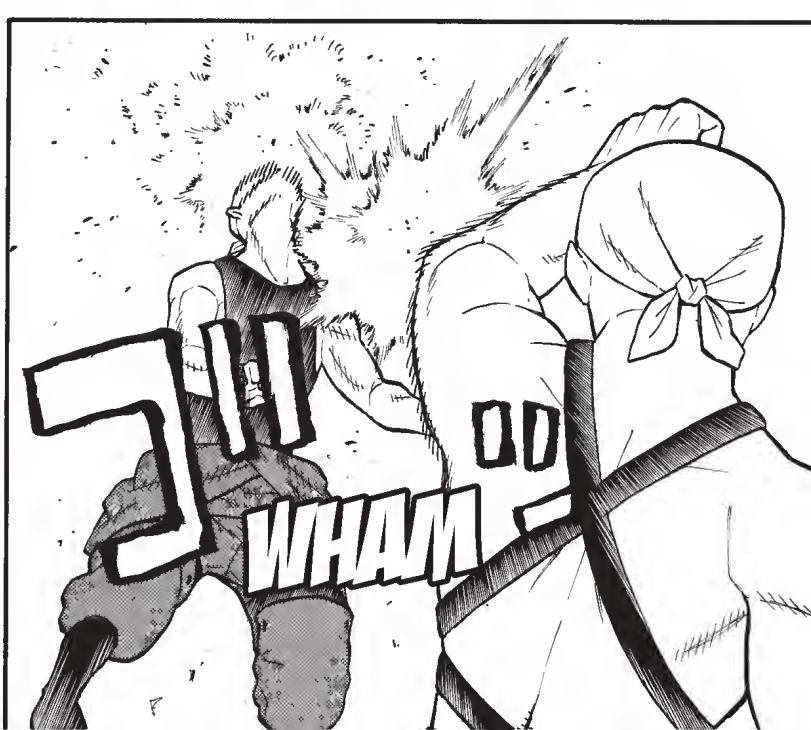
WHAM
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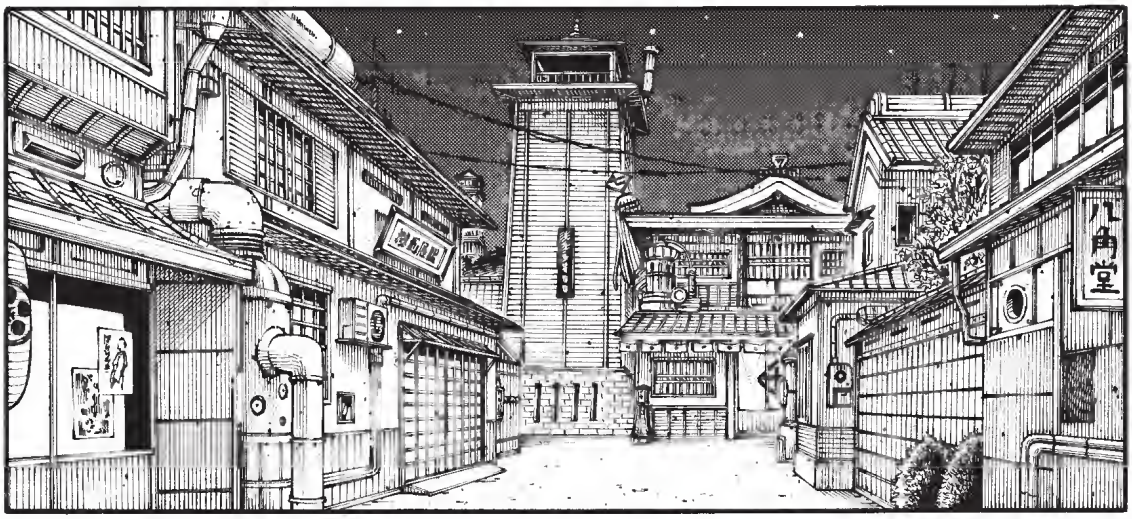
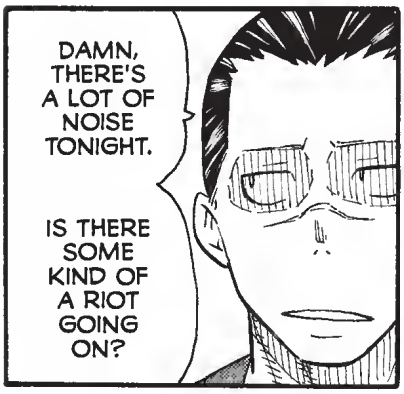
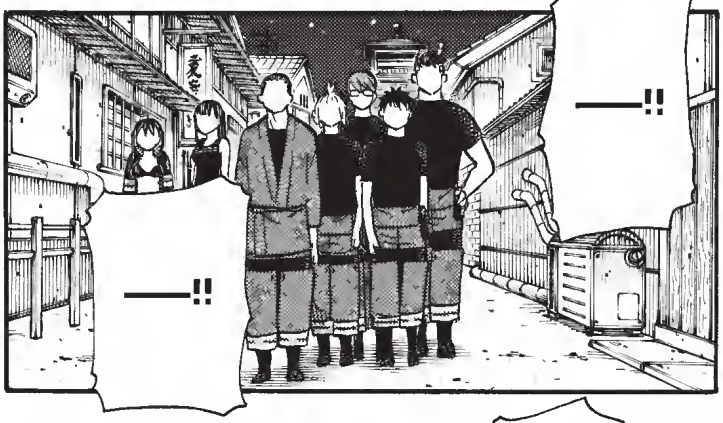
!!
HOW MANY TIMES I GOTTA TELL YOU?! I DIDN'T DO IT!!
THAT'S A LOAD OF CRAP!! I SAW YOU FILCH IT WITH MY OWN EYES!!
WAKA ... WHAT ... ARE YOU DOING?
ARE YOU SURE IT WAS HIM?!
YEAH... I'M POSI-TIVE...
GRAB
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
HOW COULD THERE BE SO MANY CASES OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY IN ONE NIGHT?
I SAW YOU WALKING AROUND WITH ANOTHER WOMAN!!
I'M TELLING YOU, IT WASN'T ME!!




DAMN, THERE'S A LOT OF NOISE TONIGHT.
IS THERE SOME KIND OF A RIOT GOING ON?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WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT FACE?!
どた BONK
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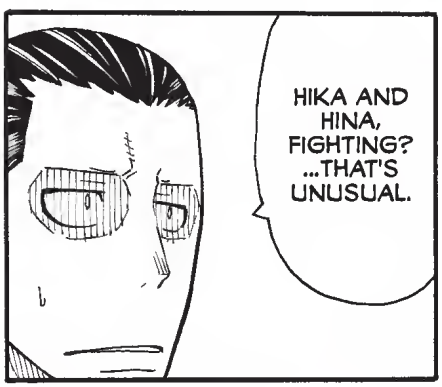
BONK どた
YOU LITTLE PUNK!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT FACE?!


HIKA AND HINA, FIGHTING? ...THAT'S UNUSUAL.

HEY, CUT IT OUT.
YOU'RE FIGHT-ING?!
べち WHAM
べち WHAP
WHAM
WHAP
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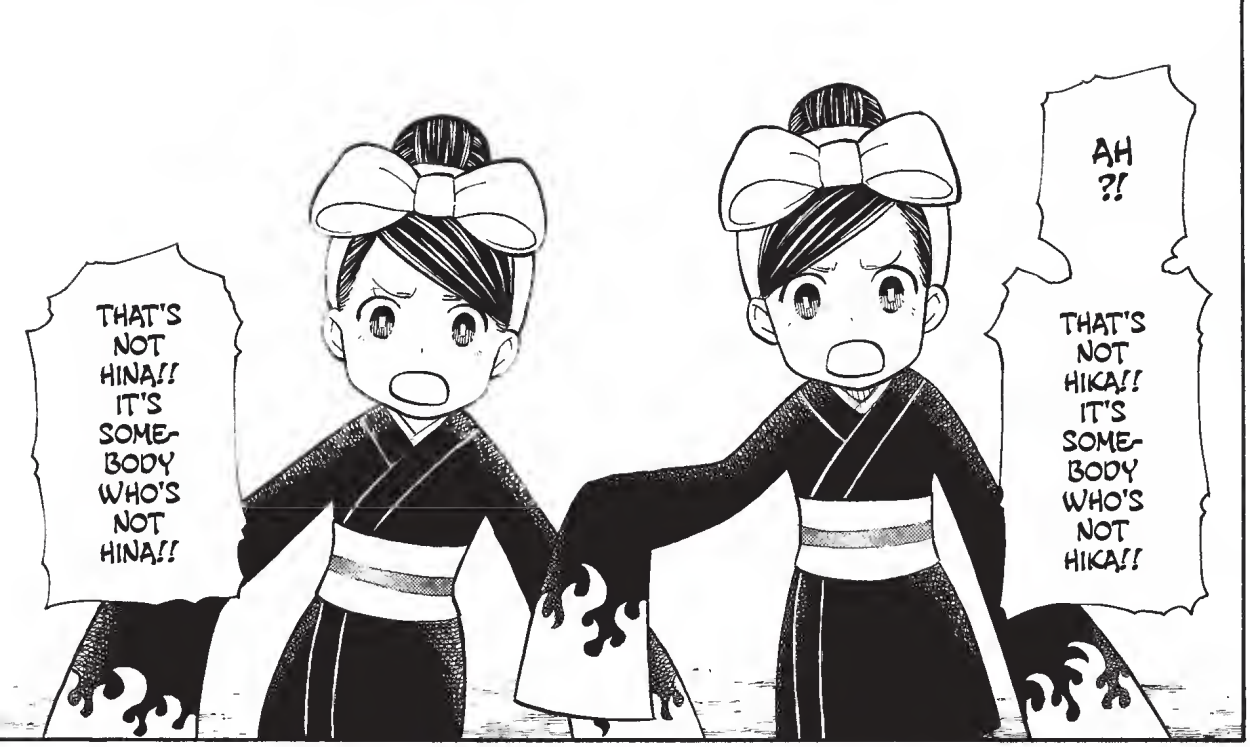
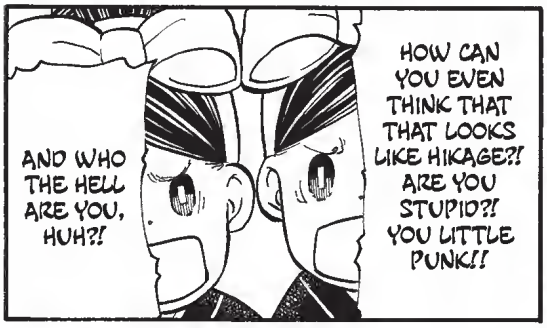
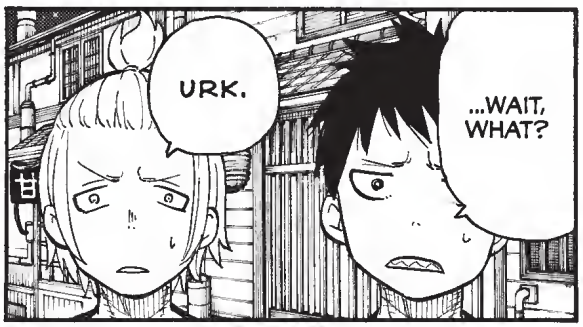
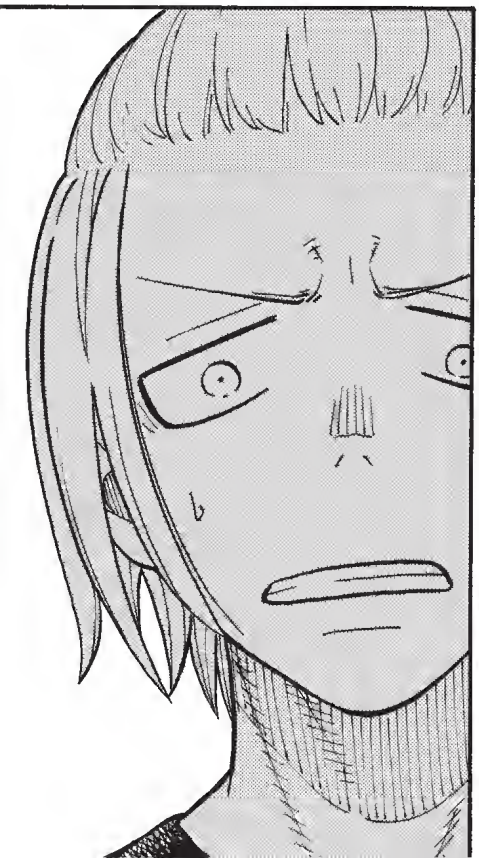
ぶん
YOU PIECE OF TRASH !!


AH ?!
THAT'S NOT HIKA!! IT'S SOME-BODY WHO'S NOT HIKA!!
THAT'S NOT HINA!! IT'S SOME-BODY WHO'S NOT HINA!!

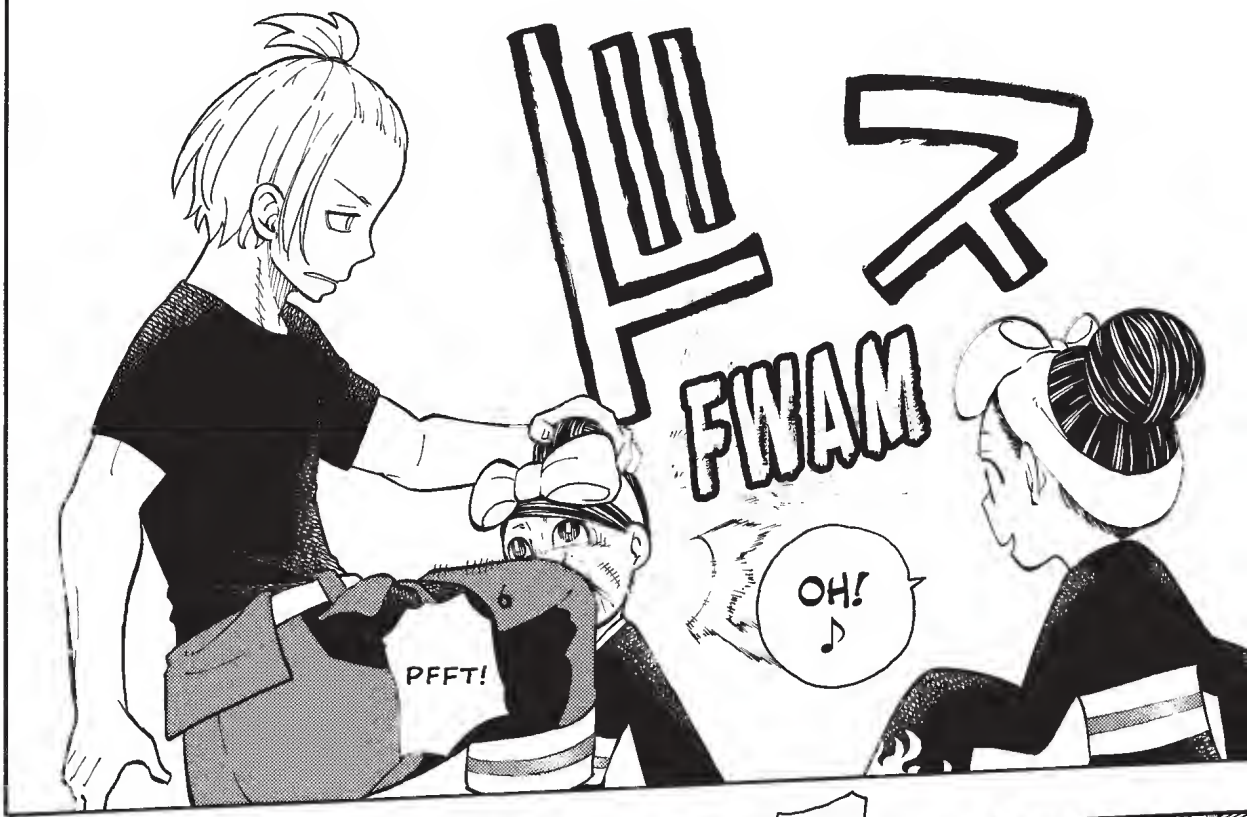

HOW CAN YOU EVEN THINK THAT THAT LOOKS LIKE HIKAGE?! ARE YOU STUPID?! YOU LITTLE PUNK!!
AND WHO THE HELL ARE YOU, HUH?!

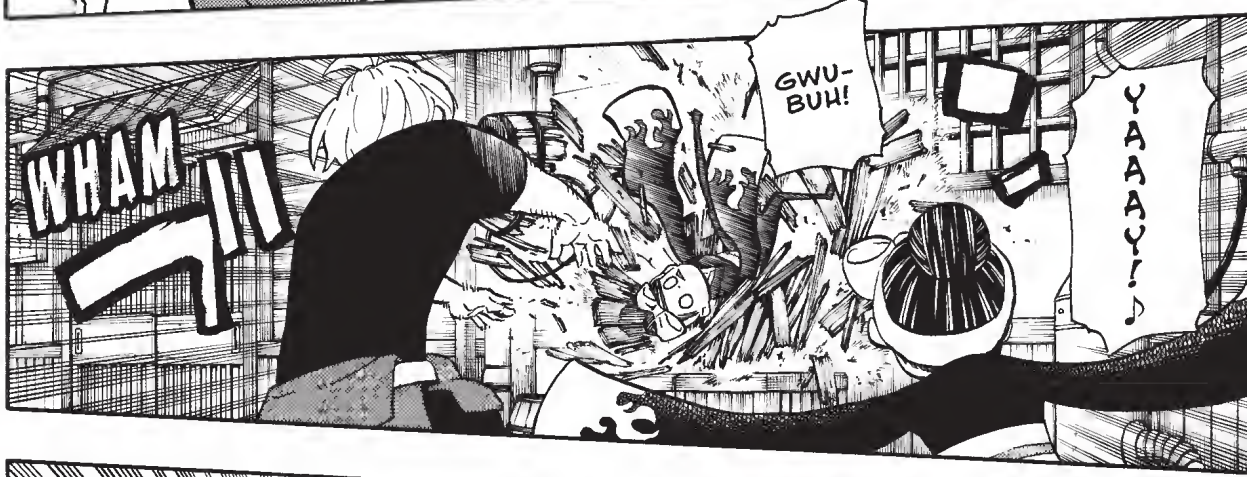

URK.
...WAIT, WHAT?

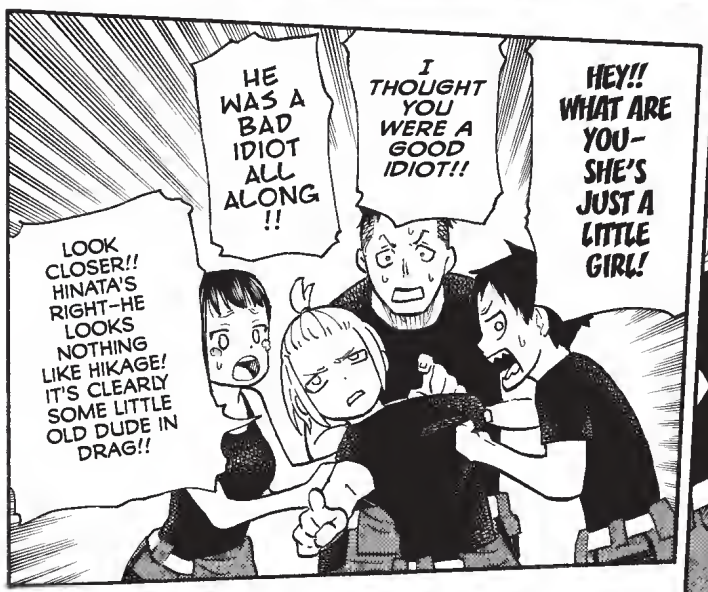


COME ON, YOU TWO...
WE CAN PLAY TAG... NICE AND FRIEND-LY. OKAY?

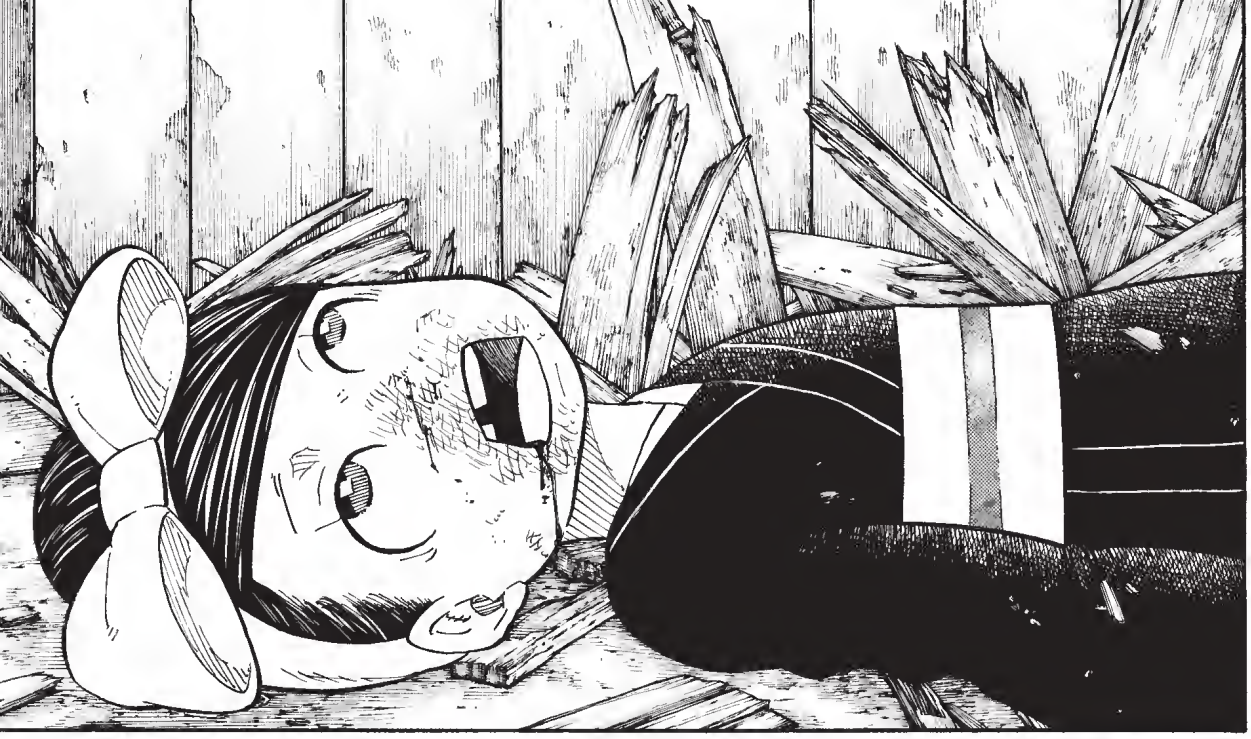
WHAT DID YOU DO WITH HIKA?! GIVE HER BACK!! I'LL TEAR YOU LIMB FROM LIMB, LOSER!!
WHAT DID YOU DO WITH HINA?! GIVE HER BACK, DWEEB!!
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
HIKA, HINA! STOP IT!!


FWAM
PFFT!
OH! ♪

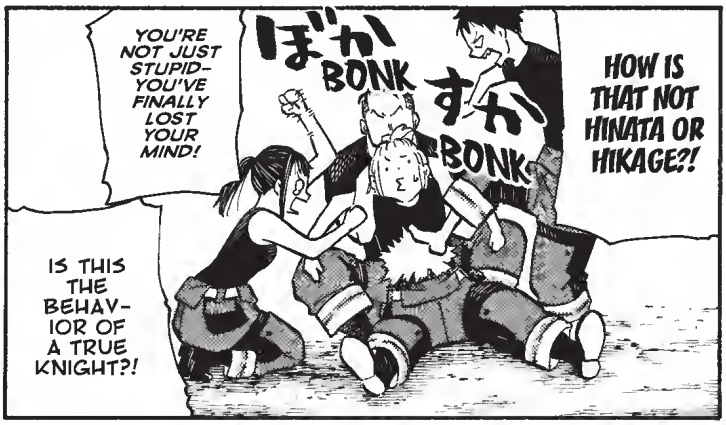

WHAM
GWU-BUH!
YAAAAY! ♪

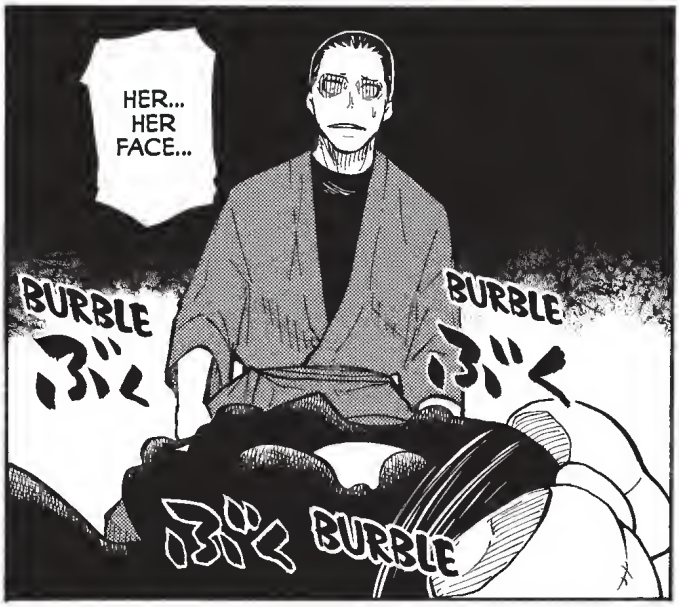

HEY!! WHAT ARE YOU- SHE'S JUST A LITTLE GIRL!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GOOD IDIOT!!
HE WAS A BAD IDIOT ALL ALONG !!
LOOK CLOSER!! HINATA'S RIGHT-HE LOOKS NOTHING LIKE HIKAGE! IT'S CLEARLY SOME LITTLE OLD DUDE IN DRAG!!

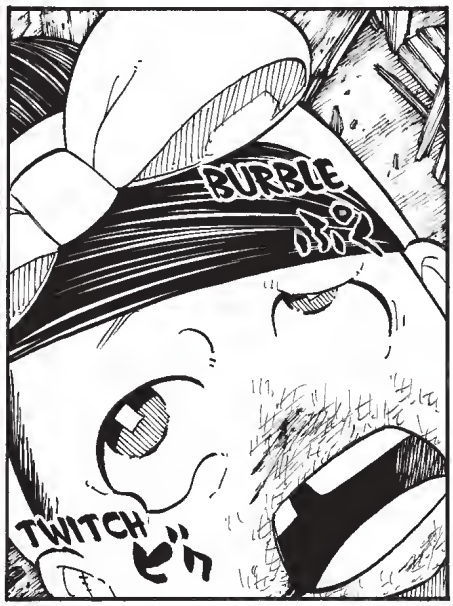
YOU'RE CREEPING ME OUT!!
WHACK
FWOM
BOFF

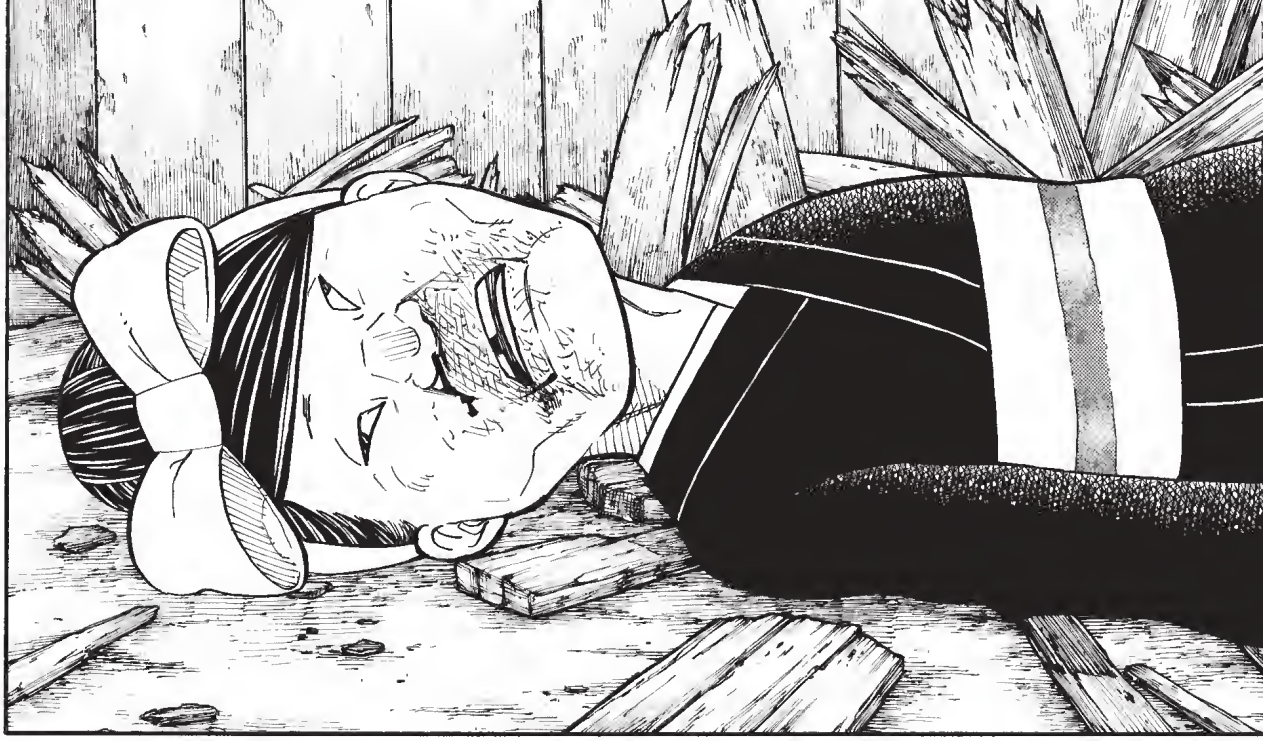


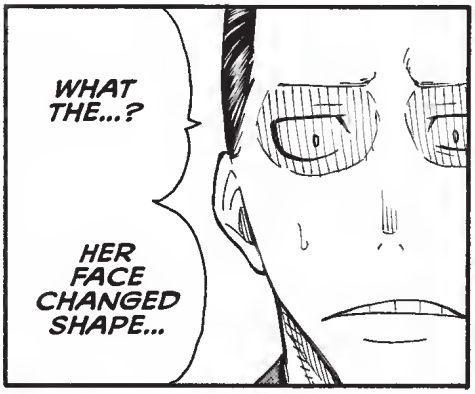
HEE HEE HEE HEE ♪
WAIT A MIN-UTE, COM-PANY 8...

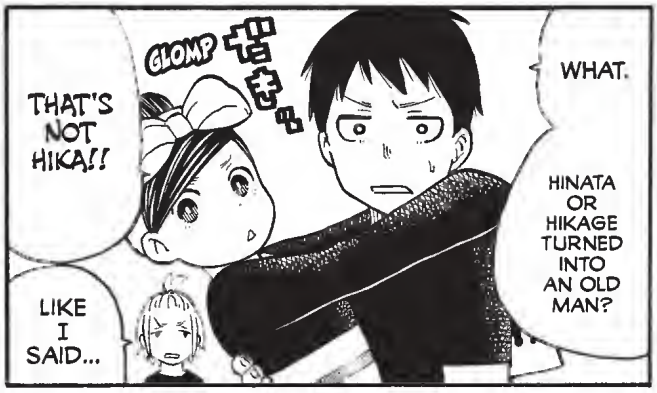

YOU'RE NOT JUST STUPID- YOU'VE FINALLY LOST YOUR MIND!
IS THIS THE BEHAV-IOR OF A TRUE KNIGHT?!
ばか BONK
すか BONK
HOW IS THAT NOT HINATA OR HIKAGE?!

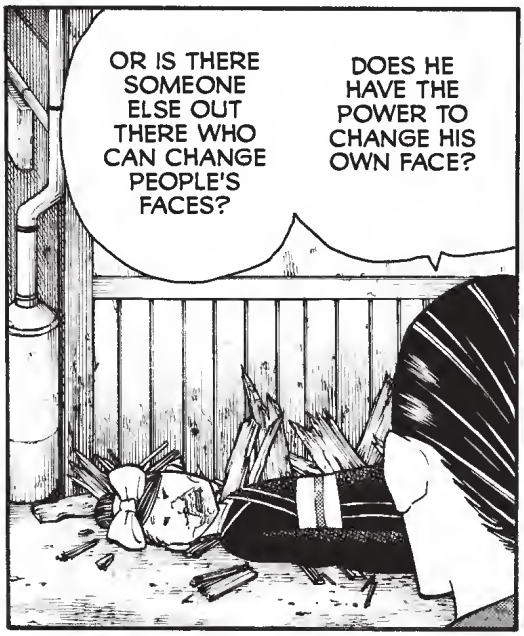

HER... HER FACE...
BURBLE ぶく
BURBLE ぶく
ぶく BURBLE


BURBLE ぶく
TWITCH ビク

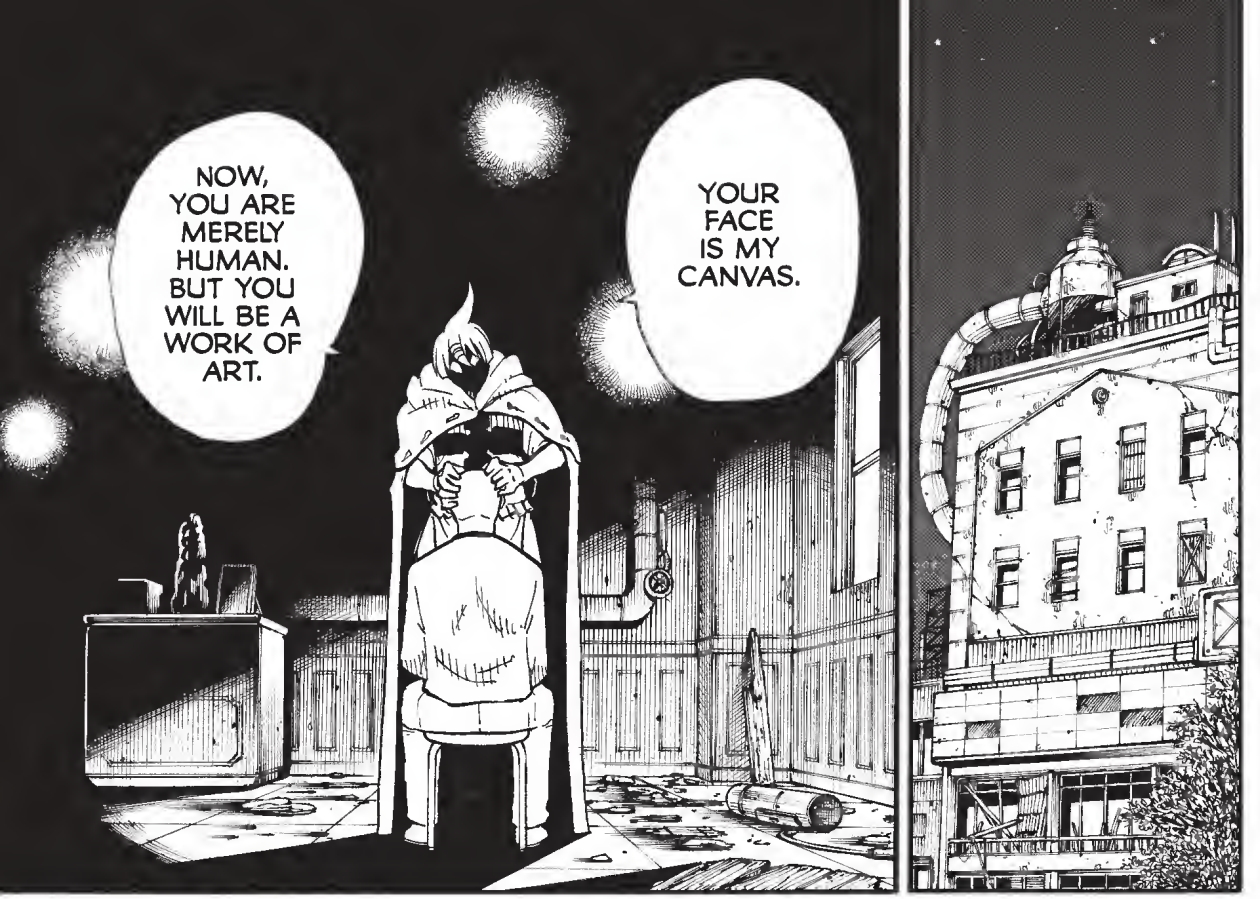


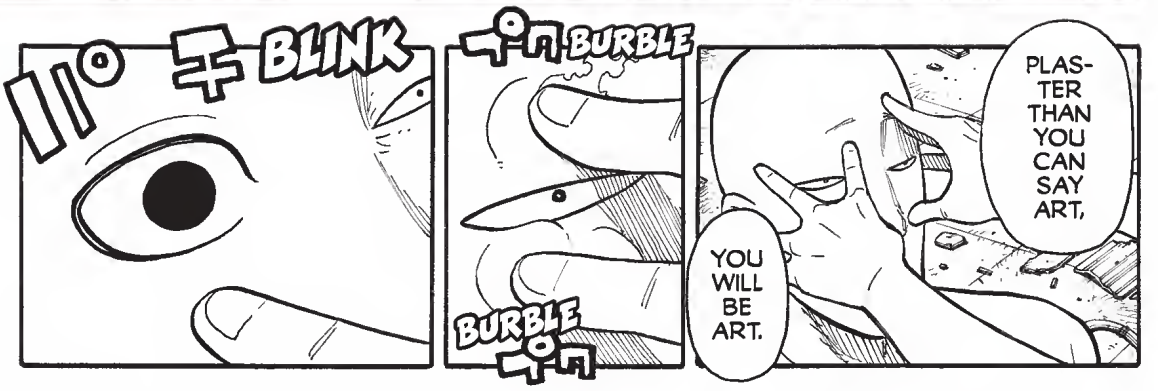

WHAT THE...?
HER FACE CHANGED SHAPE...


GLOMP
THAT'S NOT HIKA!!
LIKE I SAID...
WHAT.
HINATA OR HIKAGE TURNED INTO AN OLD MAN?

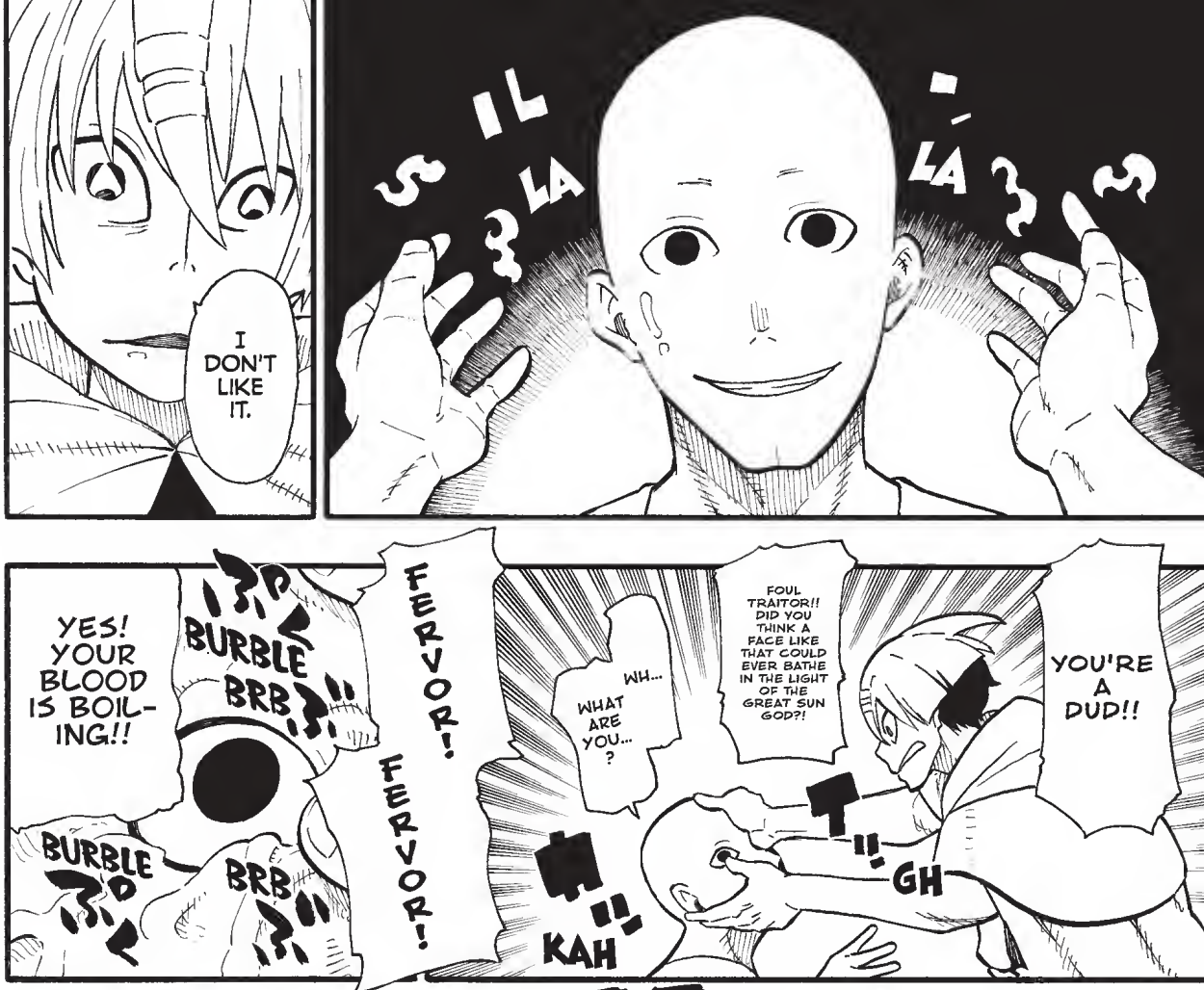

OR IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE OUT THERE WHO CAN CHANGE PEOPLE'S FACES?
DOES HE HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE HIS OWN FACE?

DO YOU THINK CAPTAIN SHINMON SAW SOMEONE ELSE USING THIS SAME ABILITY?
WHO COULD DO THIS? A THIRD-GEN?

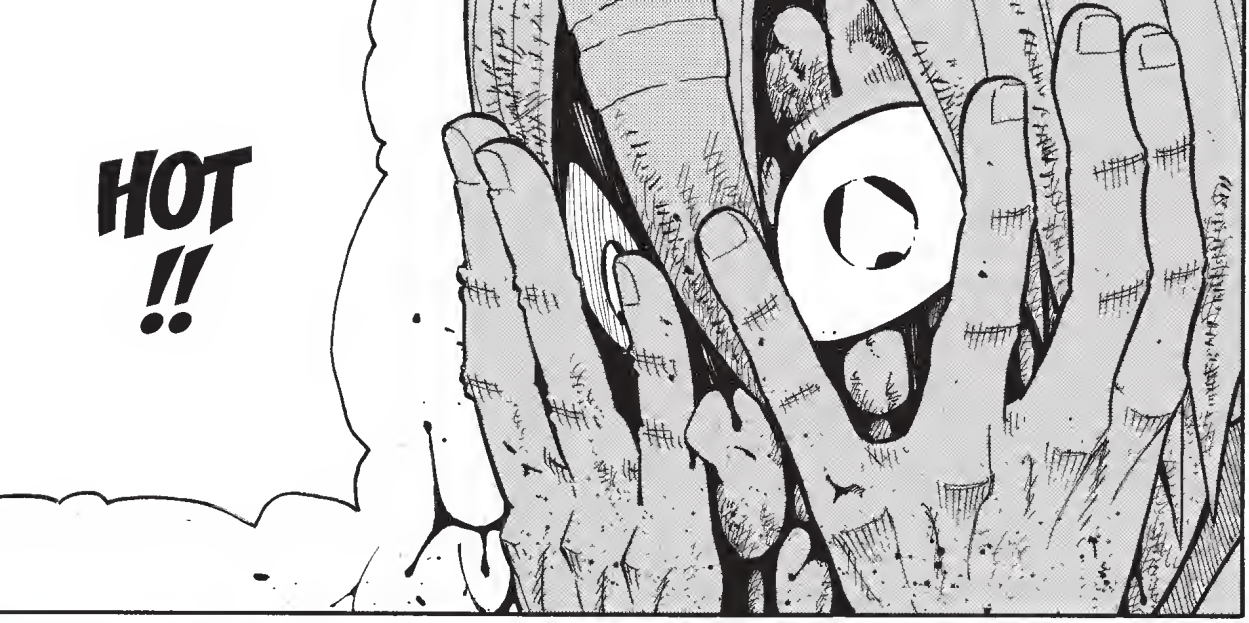

NOW, YOU ARE MERELY HUMAN. BUT YOU WILL BE A WORK OF ART.
YOUR FACE IS MY CANVAS.

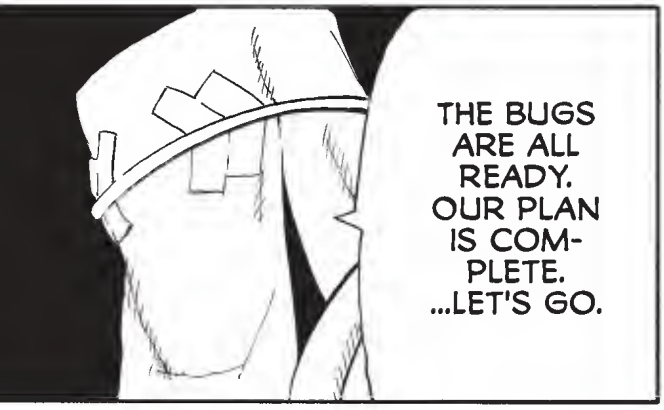

BLINK
BURBLE
BURBLE
PLAS-TER THAN YOU CAN SAY ART,
YOU WILL BE ART.

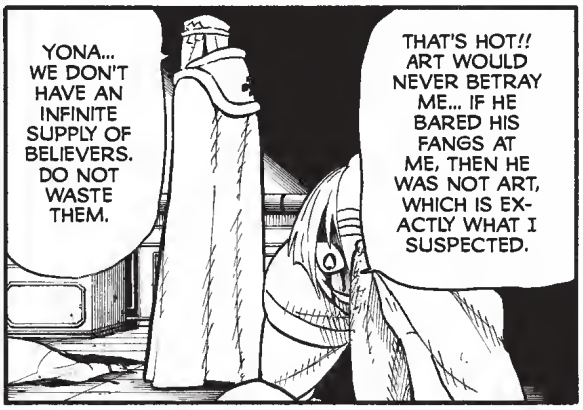
THEN I TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LOCALIZED SWELLING TO CHANGE THE SHAPE OF YOUR FACE.
I USE HEAT TO CONTROL YOUR CIRCU-LATION AND EXPAND YOUR CAPILLARIES AND LYMPH.
NICE-LY?
YES, YOU'RE SHAPING UP VERY NICELY.
DON'T WORRY.
GOOD, GOOD. JUST RELAX... YOU ARE ABOUT TO BE A WORK OF ART.


I DON'T LIKE IT.
LA
LA
YOU'RE A DUD!!
FOUL TRAITOR!! DID YOU THINK A FACE LIKE THAT COULD EVER BATHE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GREAT SUN GOD?!
WH... WHAT ARE YOU...?
GH
KAH
FERVOR!
FERVOR!
YES! YOUR BLOOD IS BOILING!!
BURBLE BRB
BURBLE BRB

BOOM
ART IS A BIG BANG!!

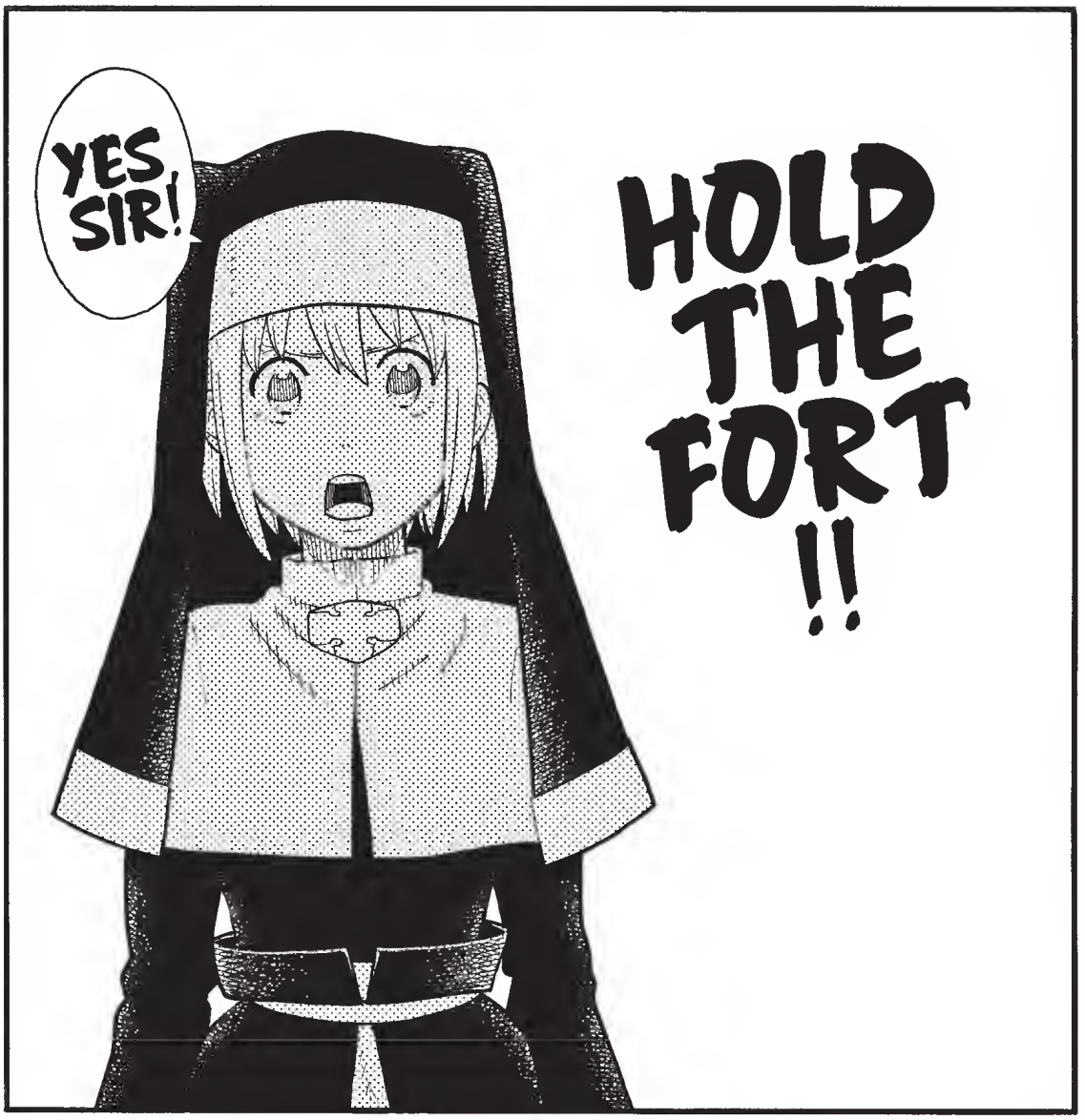

HOT
!!


THE BUGS ARE ALL READY. OUR PLAN IS COM-PLETE. ...LET'S GO.


YONA... WE DON'T HAVE AN INFINITE SUPPLY OF BELIEVERS. DO NOT WASTE THEM.
THAT'S HOT!! ART WOULD NEVER BETRAY ME... IF HE BARED HIS FANGS AT ME, THEN HE WAS NOT ART, WHICH IS EX-ACTLY WHAT I SUSPECTED.

WE WILL TURN ASAKUSA INTO A SEA OF FLAME ONCE MORE.

FIRE
FORCE



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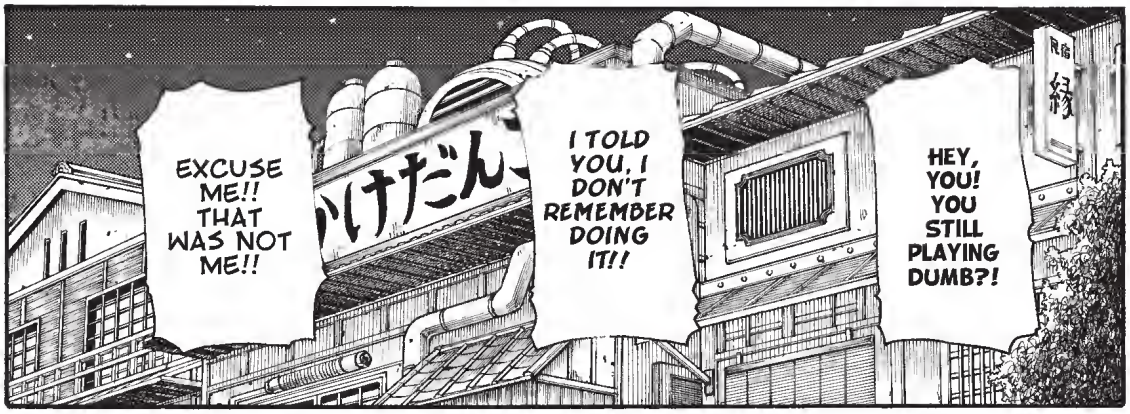
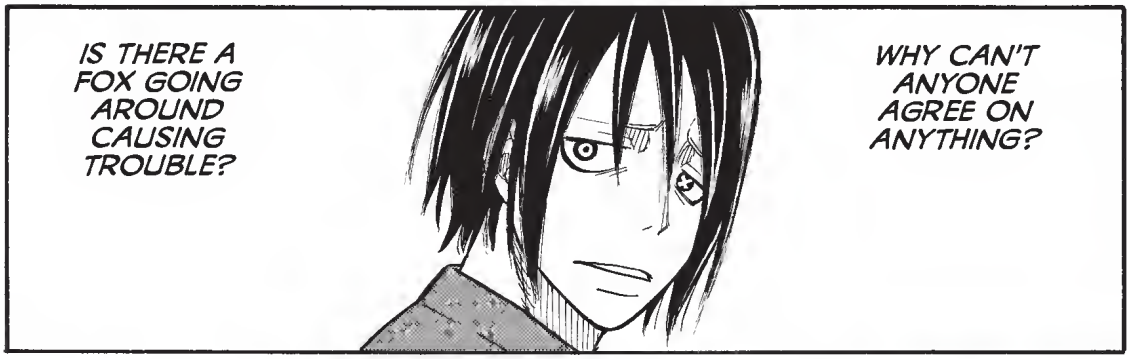

EXCUSE ME!! THAT WAS NOT ME!!
I TOLD YOU, I DON'T REMEMBER DOING IT!!
HEY, YOU! YOU STILL PLAYING DUMB?!


IS THERE A FOX GOING AROUND CAUSING TROUBLE?
WHY CAN'T ANYONE AGREE ON ANYTHING?

...
HOW SHOULD I KNOW WHERE YOU'VE EATEN?!
I ALREADY ATE SOMEWHERE ELSE! WHY WOULD I EVEN GO TO YOUR PLACE?

CUT IT OUT! SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE!!
WHAT DO YOU WANT, BENI?!
YOU KNOW I RESPECT YOU, BUT THIS IS OUR PROBLEM-SO BUTT OUT!!

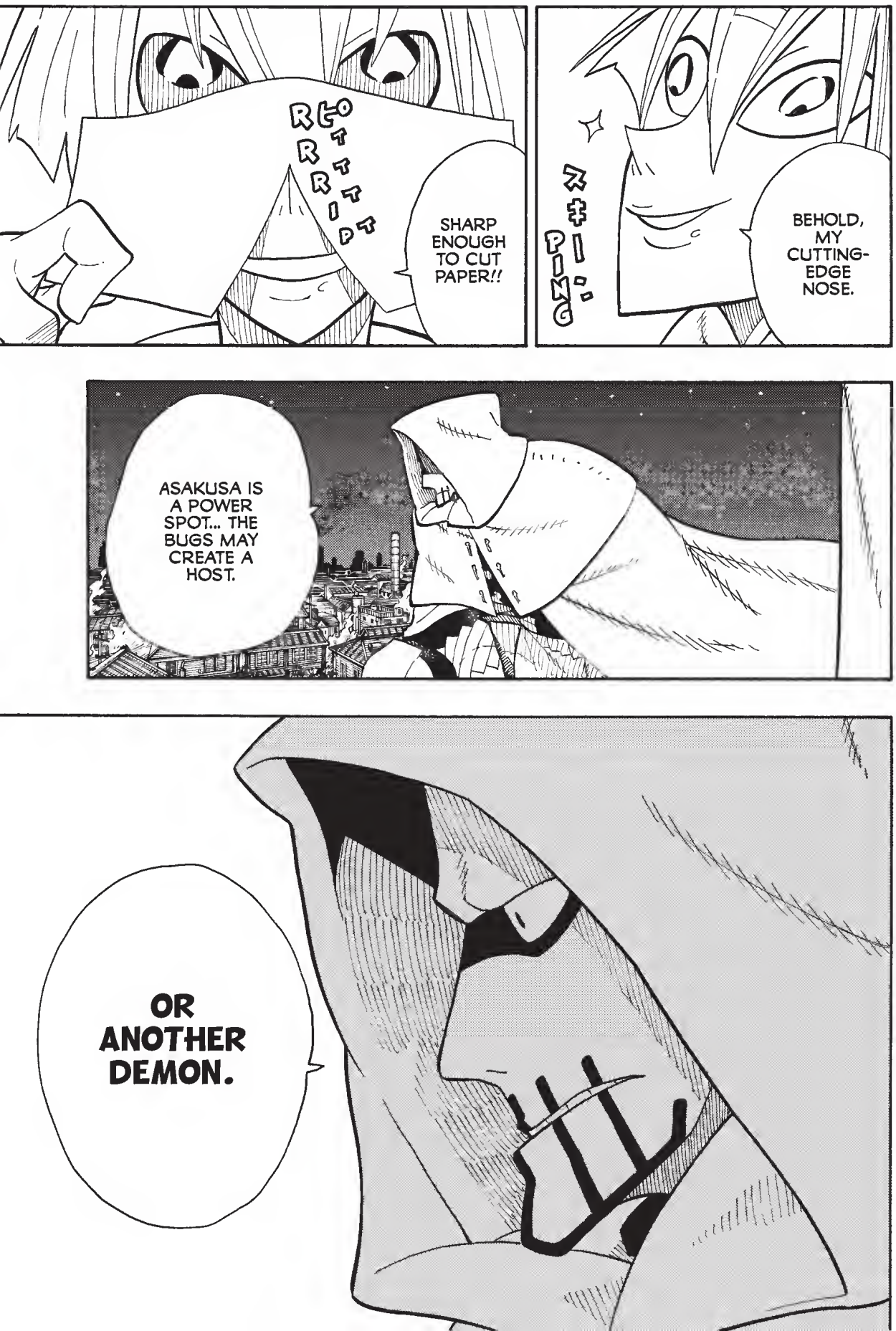
THIS IS JUST LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TO ME...
——!!
——!!

BWOH
BWOH
BWOH
WHY NOW ?!
HURRY! CALL THE FIRE FORCE!!
THERE'S AN INFERNAL OVER HERE, TOO!
INFERNAL ON THE LOOSE!!
IN-FER-NAL!!

LET'S GO.

WE'VE RELEASED BUGS INTO THE TOWN...
IN THE ENSUING CHAOS, I WILL SHOOT DOWN COMPANY 8.

THE CONFUSION WILL DESTROY THEIR TRUST IN OTHERS. THEY WILL LEARN THAT THE GREAT SUN GOD IS THE ONLY ONE THEY CAN TRULY BELIEVE IN.


RRRIP
SHARP ENOUGH TO CUT PAPER!!
SHI-PING
BEHOLD, MY CUTTING-EDGE NOSE.
ASAKUSA IS A POWER SPOT... THE BUGS MAY CREATE A HOST.
OR ANOTHER DEMON.

CAPTAIN!! LET'S GO PUT SOME SOULS TO REST!!
NO!! THIS IS COMPANY 7'S JURISDICTION!! WE CAN'T ACT WITHOUT THEIR AUTHORIZATION!!
INFER-NAL!!
...
YOCCHAN THE DRAPER HAS GONE INFERNAL, TOO!!
WAKA...
WHERE ARE YOU?
WE CAN'T DO AN OFFICIAL EXTINGUISHING WITHOUT SISTER IRIS ANYWAY...
BESIDES, THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE WHO WOULDN'T WANT AN IMPERIAL EXTINGUISHING.
SO YOU WANT US TO JUST SIT HERE BITING OUR NAILS?!
COMPANY 8, WE'RE GOING TO RESCUE CITI-ZENS AND ASSIST IN THE EVACU-ATION!
SIR, YES, SIR!!

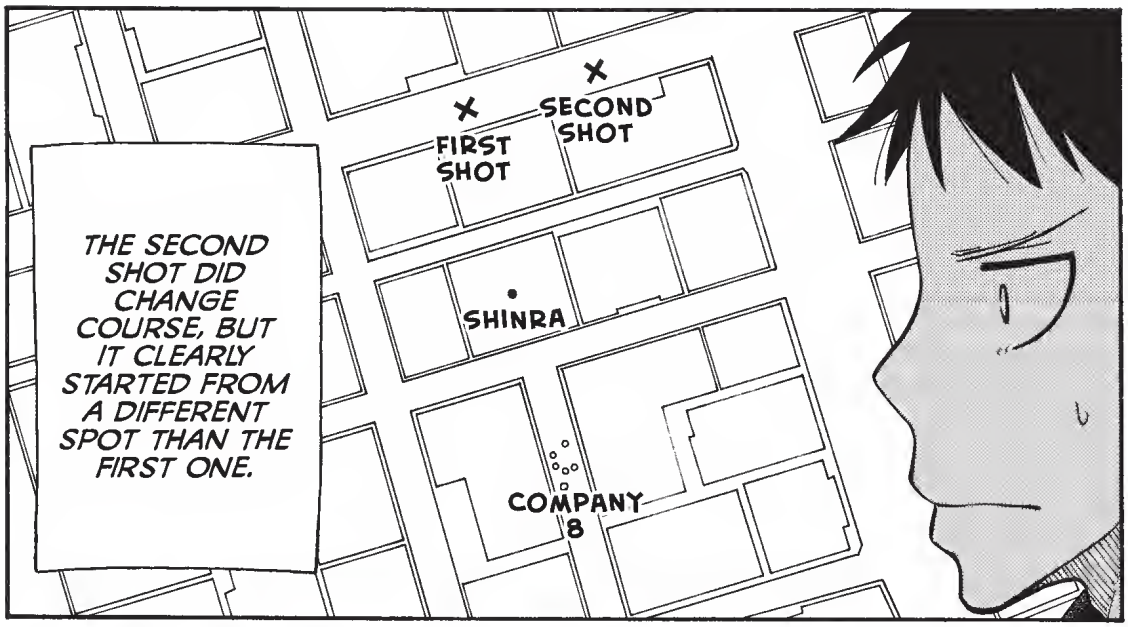
A SNIP-ER...
WHAT?!
MAKI-SAN!!
THUNK
THE ONE THAT KILLED REKKA!
KUSA-KABE... IT'S JUST LIKE...
!
PSH
EVERY-ONE, GET BACK!! I'LL HANDLE THIS!!
HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE!!
GWHRR

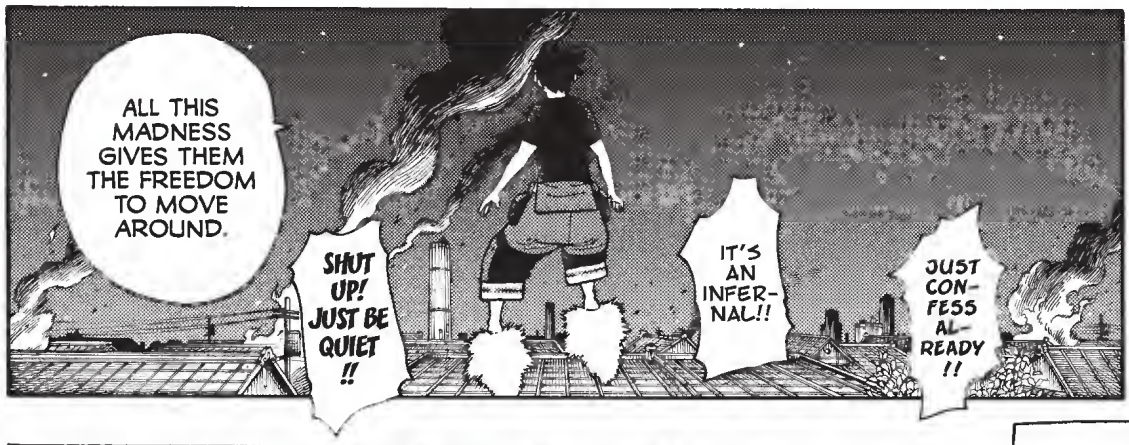
BA-
CHING
HRNNGH ...!!
I...I CAN'T... DEFLECT IT...
I CAN'T REDIRECT THE FORCE DRIVING THE FLAMES FORWARD!!
GWHRRR

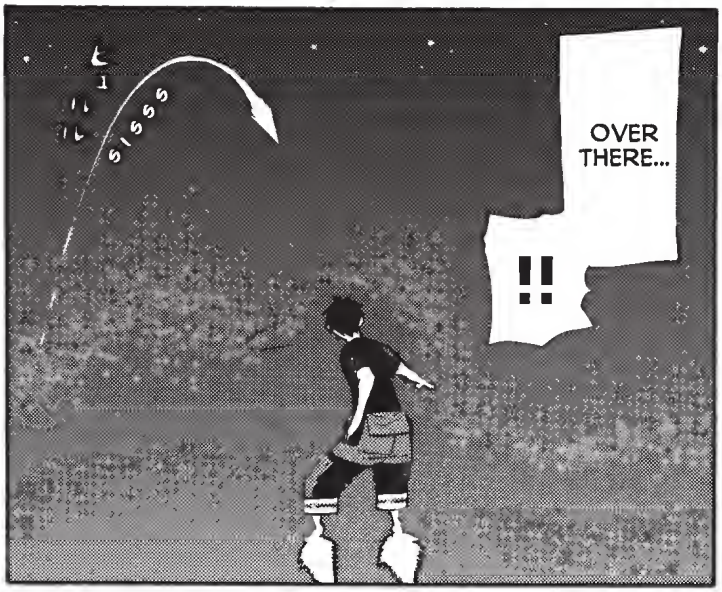
IT'S GOING TO GO RIGHT THROUGH ME...
TRANS-MOGRIFY !!
MAKI-SAN!!
CHRR
CHRR
BA-GWOOM
SPUTTER
SPUTTER

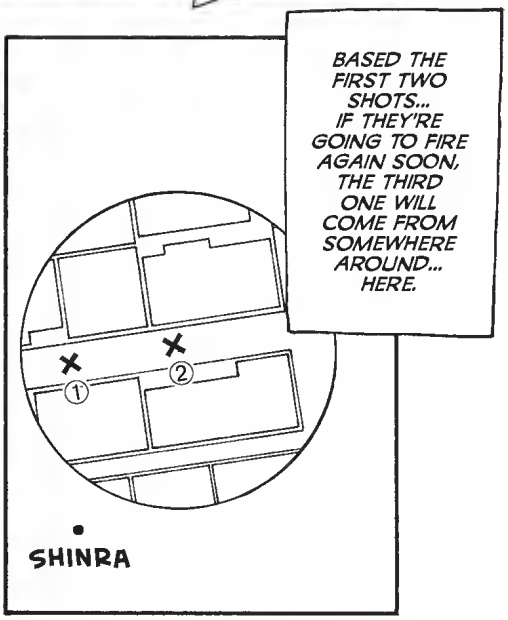
THUNK
SPUTTER
FLEW
INTO MY
EMBRACE...
I'M
OKAY.
BRN
MAKI-
SAN!!
UD
THERE'S
A GOOD
CHANCE
THEY'RE
WITH THE
EVANG-
ELIST.
I'LL LURE
THEM
AWAY
BEFORE
THEY FIRE
A SECOND
SHOT!!
BRN
SHINRA!!
DON'T DO
ANYTHING
CRAZY!!
I
WON'T,
SIR!!
FWO
OM

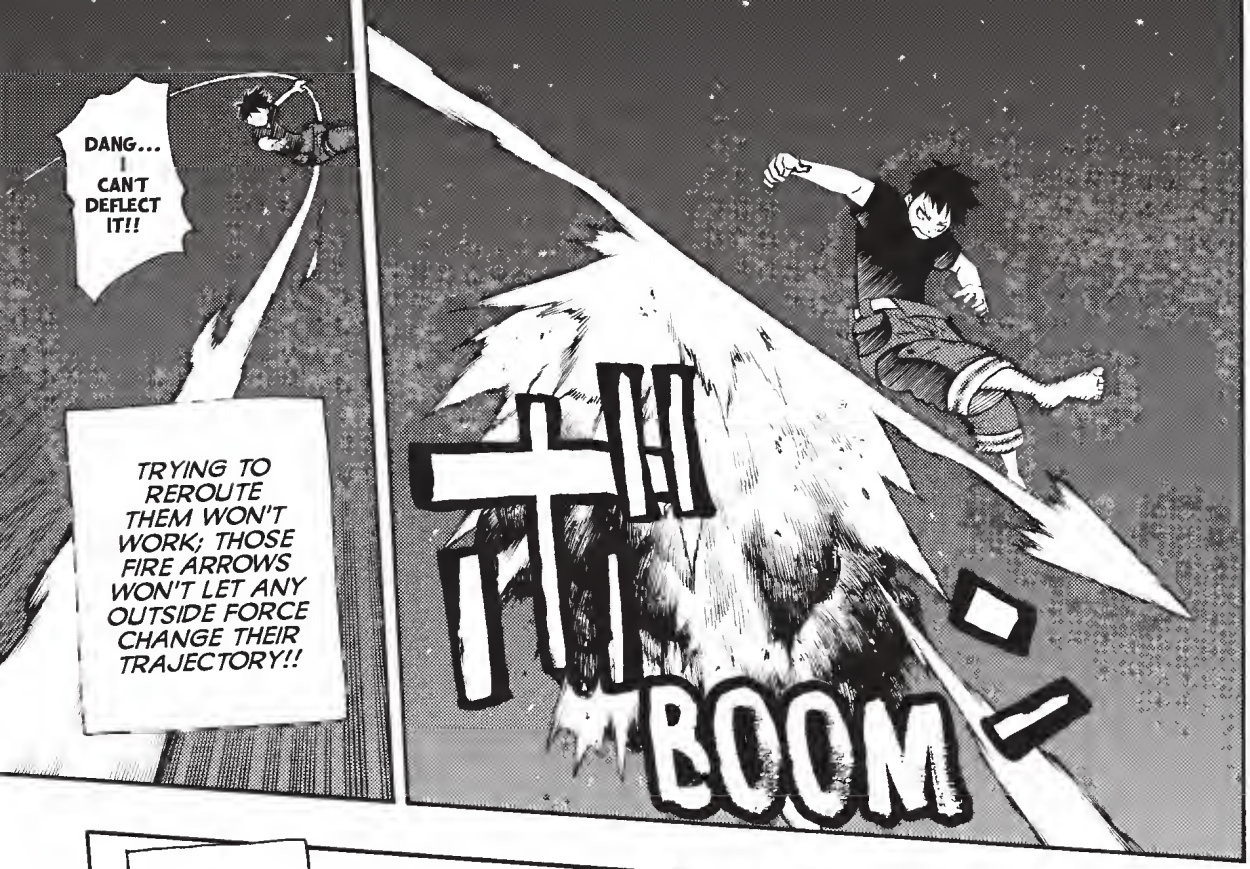
IT CAME FROM SOME-WHERE OVER THERE...
SISSS
IT CHANGED COURSE.
WAH!
GWHRL
THUNK

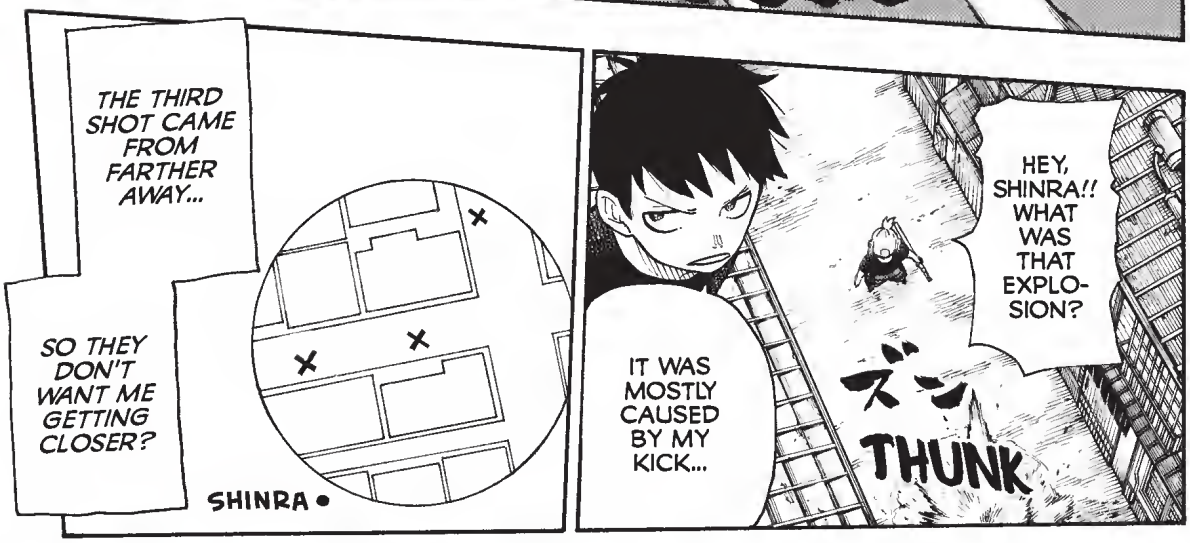

THE SECOND SHOT DID CHANGE COURSE, BUT IT CLEARLY STARTED FROM A DIFFERENT SPOT THAN THE FIRST ONE.
FIRST SHOT
SECOND SHOT
SHINRA
COMPANY 8

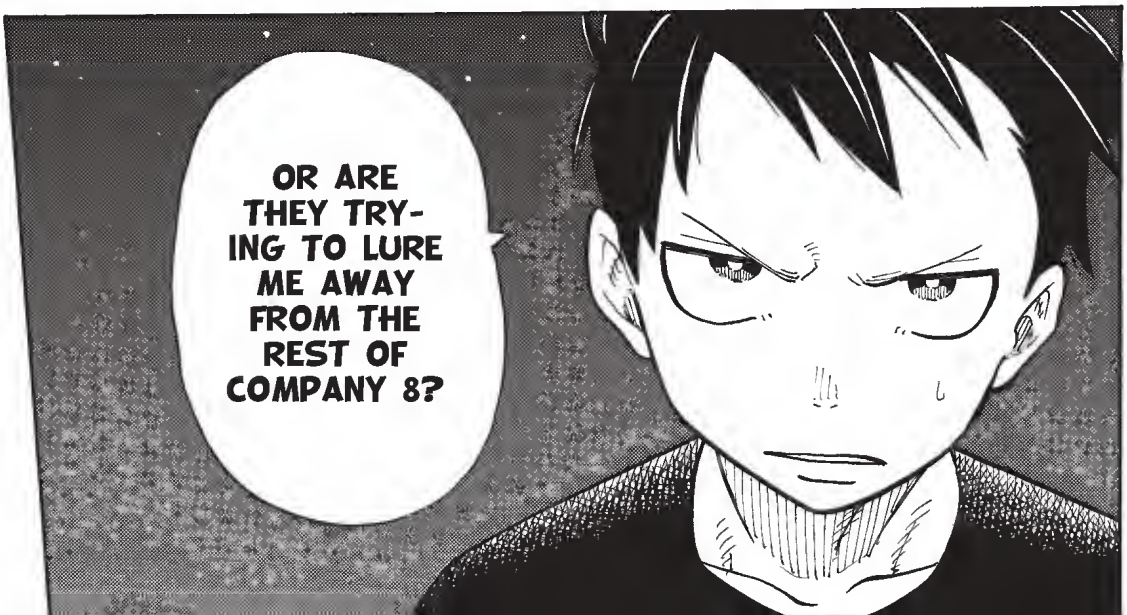

ALL THIS MADNESS GIVES THEM THE FREEDOM TO MOVE AROUND.
SHUT UP! JUST BE QUIET !!
IT'S AN INFER-NAL!!
JUST CON-FESS AL-READY !!


SISSS
OVER THERE...
!!


BASED THE FIRST TWO SHOTS... IF THEY'RE GOING TO FIRE AGAIN SOON, THE THIRD ONE WILL COME FROM SOMEWHERE AROUND... HERE.
①
②
SHINRA


DANG... I CAN'T DEFLECT IT!!
TRYING TO REROUTE THEM WON'T WORK; THOSE FIRE ARROWS WON'T LET ANY OUTSIDE FORCE CHANGE THEIR TRAJECTORY!!
BOOM


THE THIRD SHOT CAME FROM FARTHER AWAY...
SO THEY DON'T WANT ME GETTING CLOSER?
SHINRA
HEY, SHINRA!! WHAT WAS THAT EXPLO-SION?
IT WAS MOSTLY CAUSED BY MY KICK...
ズン THUNK


OR ARE THEY TRY-ING TO LURE ME AWAY FROM THE REST OF COMPANY 8?

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I SHOULD LET THEM GET AWAY... AND I HAVE ARTHUR DOWN THERE...
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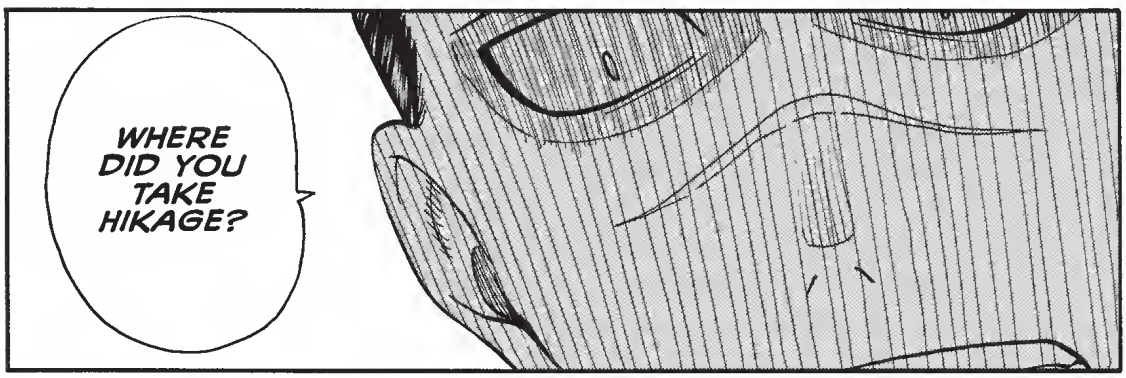
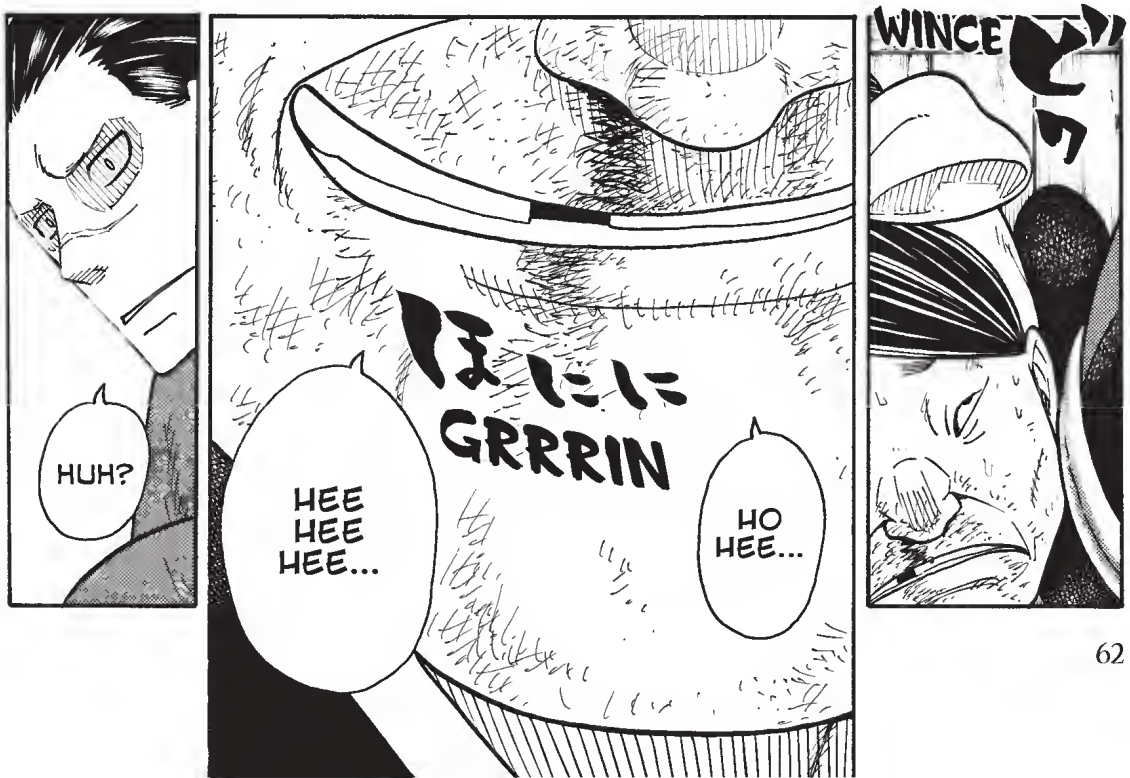
ARTHUR, YOU GO AFTER THEM FROM THE GROUND. WHENEVER THEY FIRE, I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM.
MAKE SURE YOU POINT WITH YOUR FINGER!! I'M NOT GONNA KNOW IF YOU USE FANCY WORDS LIKE EAST, OR LEFT, OR RIGHT!
HE ANNOUNCES HIS STUPIDITY LIKE IT MAKES HIM SUPERIOR...

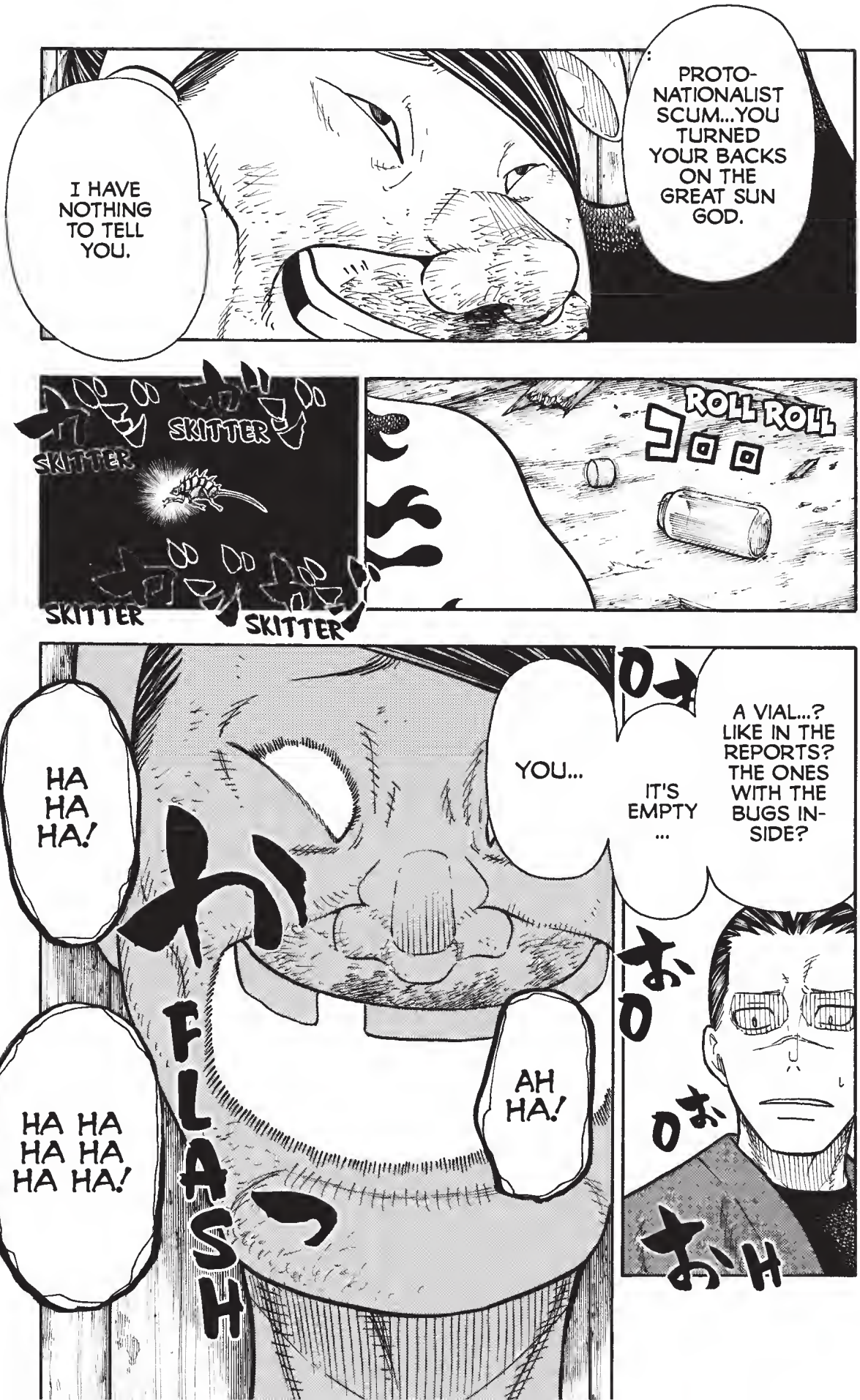
LET'S GO!!
FWOOSH

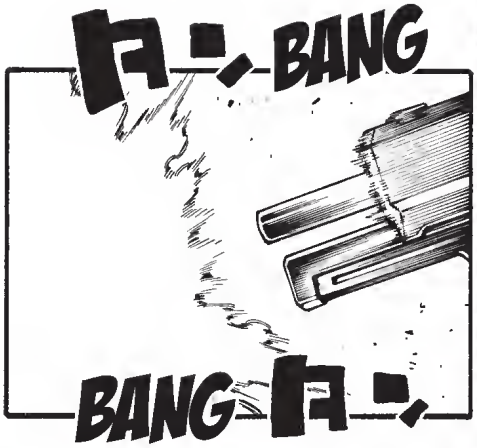
WHERE'S THE REAL HIKAGE?
AND ARE YOU THE ONE WHO PRETENDED TO BE COMPANY 8'S CAPTAIN?
SMIRK
HUMANS CAN'T BE TRUSTED. THEY LIE, THEY DECEIVE, THEY BETRAY, THEY DIE ALL TOO EASILY. THAT'S WHY WE NEED THE GREAT SUN GOD.
GRNK!
WHAM

I WASN'T ASKING TO HEAR ANY BULLSHIT ABOUT YOUR GOD.
THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER I'M INTERESTED IN.
GRIND
OW ...
THAT HURTS ...


WHERE DID YOU TAKE HIKAGE?

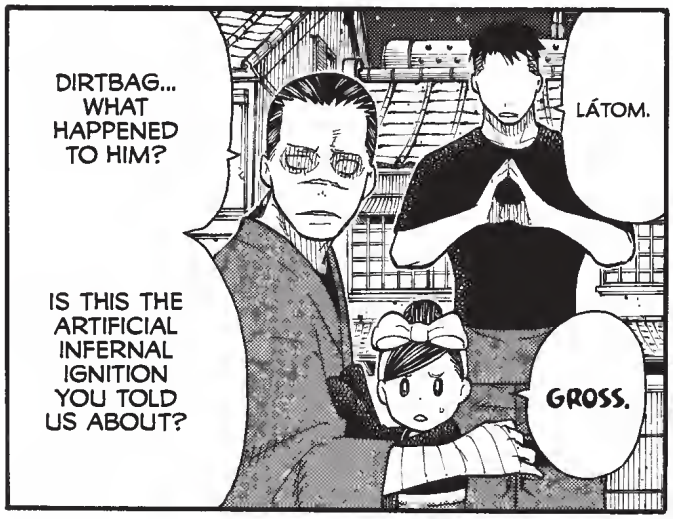

HUH?
HEE HEE HEE...
ほにに
GRRRIN
HO HEE...
WINCE

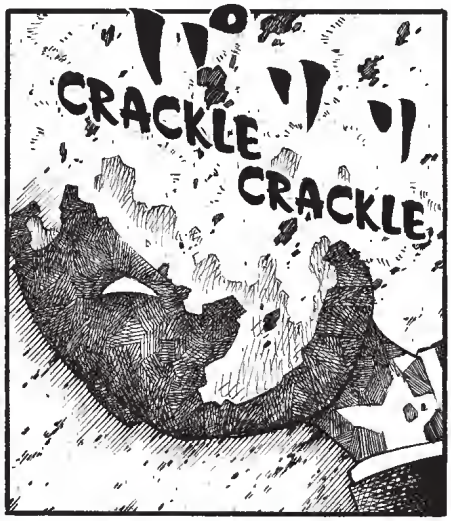

PROTO-NATIONALIST SCUM...YOU TURNED YOUR BACKS ON THE GREAT SUN GOD.
I HAVE NOTHING TO TELL YOU.
SKITTER
SKITTER
SKITTER
SKITTER
ROLL ROLL
コロコロ
A VIAL...? LIKE IN THE REPORTS? THE ONES WITH THE BUGS INSIDE?
IT'S EMPTY ...
YOU...
HA HA HA!
AH HA!
HA HA HA HA HA HA!
FLASH

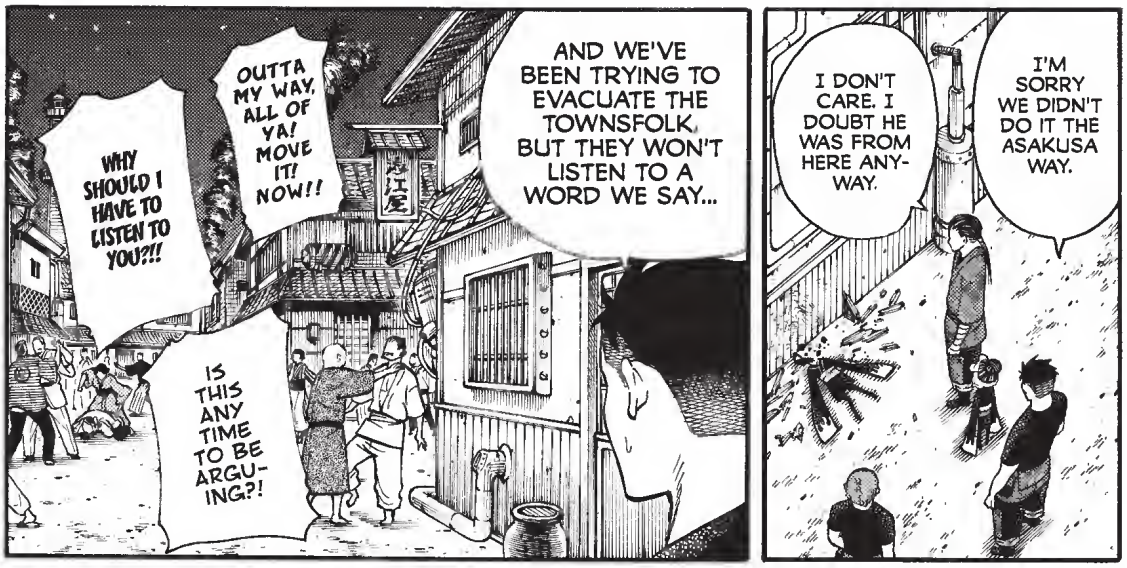

BANG
BANG

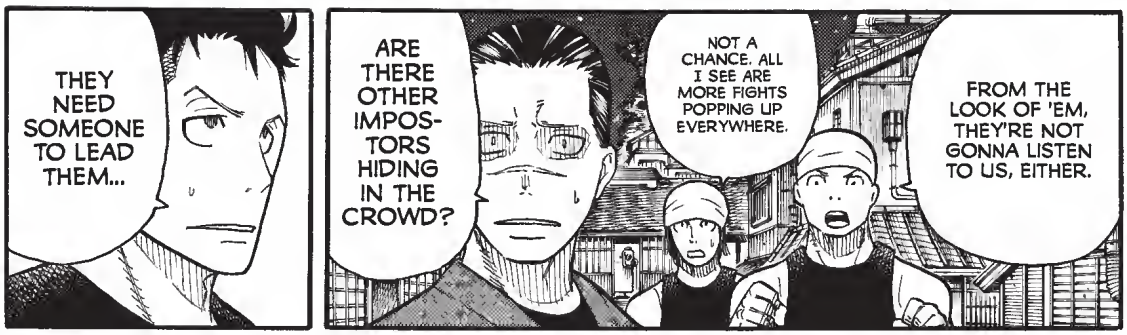
RETURN TO THE GREAT FLAME OF FIRE.
BANG
BANG

PRAISE TO THE EVAN-GEL-IST !!
PRAISE TO THE SUN GOD !!


DIRTBAG... WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
IS THIS THE ARTIFICIAL INFERNAL IGNITION YOU TOLD US ABOUT?
LÁTOM.
GROSS.

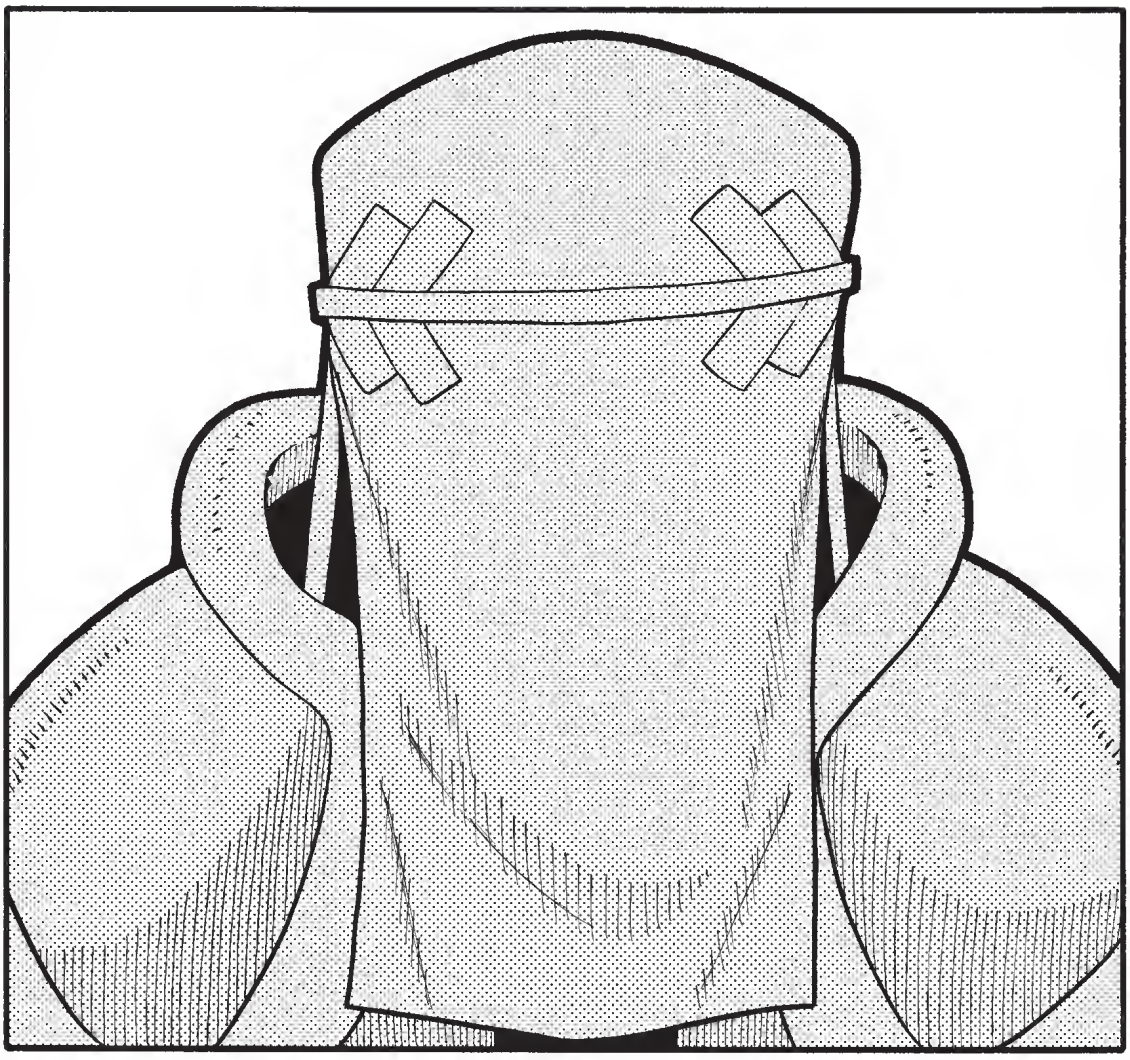

CRACKLE
CRACKLE


AND WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO EVACUATE THE TOWNSFOLK, BUT THEY WON'T LISTEN TO A WORD WE SAY...
OUTTA MY WAY, ALL OF YA! MOVE IT! NOW!!
WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOU?!!
IS THIS ANY TIME TO BE ARGU-ING?!
I'M SORRY WE DIDN'T DO IT THE ASAKUSA WAY.
I DON'T CARE. I DOUBT HE WAS FROM HERE ANY-WAY.


FROM THE LOOK OF 'EM, THEY'RE NOT GONNA LISTEN TO US, EITHER.
NOT A CHANCE. ALL I SEE ARE MORE FIGHTS POPPING UP EVERYWHERE.
ARE THERE OTHER IMPOS-TORS HIDING IN THE CROWD?
THEY NEED SOMEONE TO LEAD THEM...

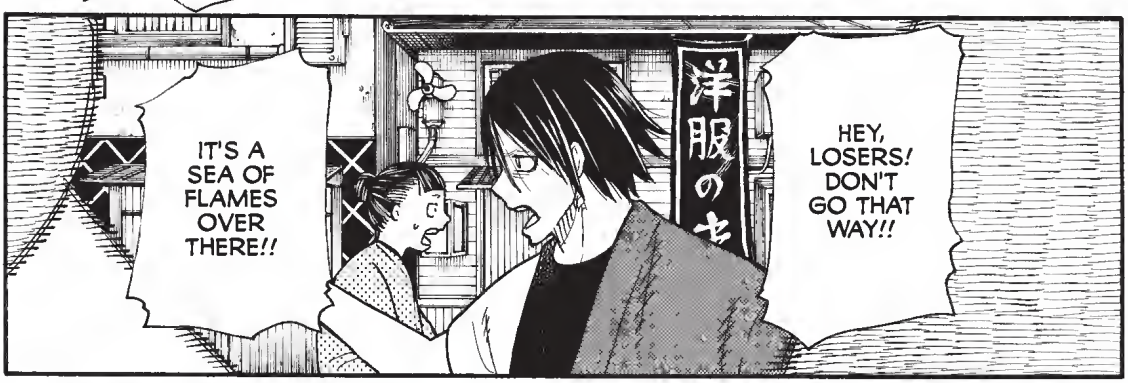
WAKA ...

FIRE
FORCE



CHAPTER XLVI: AFTER THAT SNIPER!

CHIL-
DREN
FIRST!!
WAIT!
YOU
RUN-
NING
AWAY
?!
OUT
OF MY
WAY!!
NOT THIS
WAY! IT'S
DANGER-
OUS!!


洋服の
IT'S A
SEA OF
FLAMES
OVER
THERE!!
HEY,
LOSERS!
DON'T
GO THAT
WAY!!

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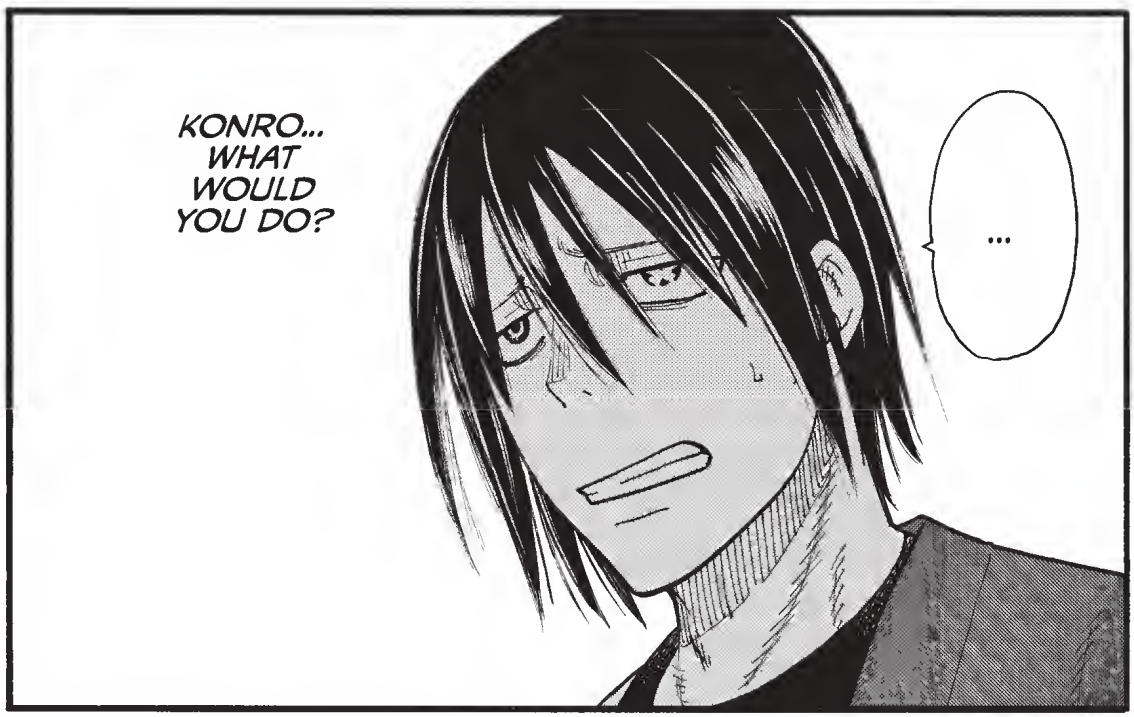
BENI-
CHAN!
THERE'S
AN INFER-
NAL OVER
THAT WAY,
TOO!
GOT
IT!

WHAM
I'M SORRY.
I DON'T KNOW YOUR NAME, BUT I CAN AT LEAST MAKE IT QUICK.

I DON'T KNOW– SOMEBODY'S GOING AROUND STIRRING UP TROUBLE. I DON'T THINK WE CAN STOP IT ANYMORE.
I'LL SEE TO THE INFERNALS. CAN YOU EVACUATE THE CITIZENS?
WAKA!! WE LAID AN INFERNAL TO REST BACK THAT WAY, BUT...
IT'S TOO MUCH! WE CAN'T HANDLE IT ALL ON OUR OWN!


KONRO... WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
...

NO! NOT THAT WAY!!
CAN IT!! I TRIED LISTENING TO YOU, AND ALMOST GOT ROASTED BY AN INFERNAL!!
WHAT?! BUT I DIDN'T TELL YOU ANYTHING!!
...NOBODY HAS ANY IDEA WHERE TO RUN.
FROM UP HERE, IT'S EASY TO SEE...
GLINT
ACK !!
SWOOSH

BAH !!"
BOOM
SWOOSH
I HAVE TO STOP THAT SNIPER, AND FAST... BEFORE MORE PEOPLE GET HIT BY THE STRAY SHOTS!
I'M MOVING FASTER THAN THEY ARE.
THEY HAVE TO BE HIDING AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!
WHERE ?!
WHERE ARE YOU ?!
WHOOOOOSH

!!
WAH !!
キーン
BA-CHING
NGH !!
ガラララ
RRRRAAATTTLLE

TMP
BOOM
SKREE
BAH
YOU WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME!!

WH
AM

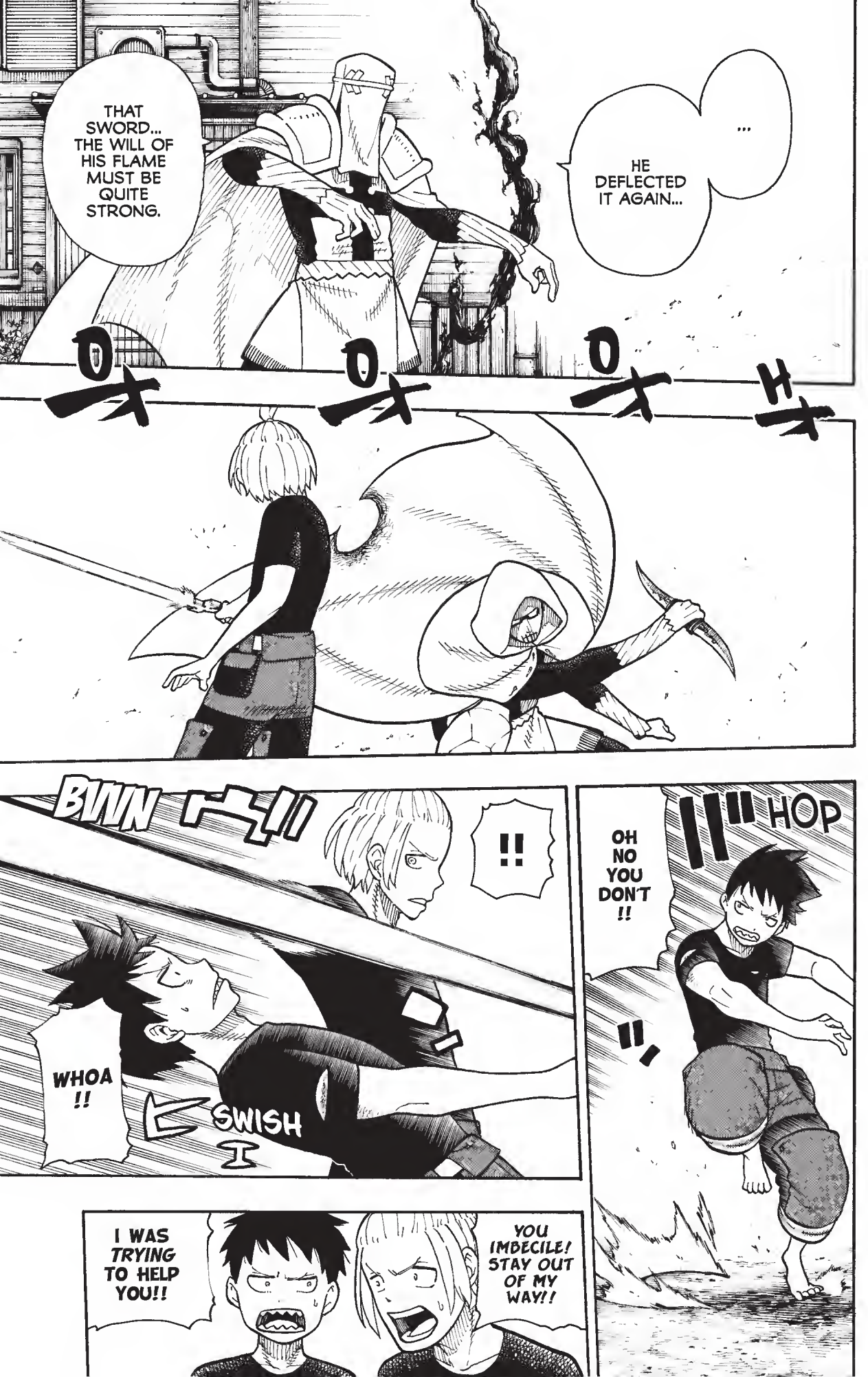
DASH
PSH
G-GNN
THMP
FLASH
ZH
!!
ZH

CLANG
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
DON'T BOTHER. NOTHING STOPS MY ARROWS.

GZHNG

!!
ザ
ZSH
ザ
ZZ
BUIN
スタ
SKEE

TMP
WHITE HOODS... YOU'RE WITH THE EVANGELIST, AREN'T YOU?
HEH.
VWOOSH
!!
CLANG
SIZZLE-ZLE
ARTHUR!! AN ARROW— BEHIND HIS CAPE!!

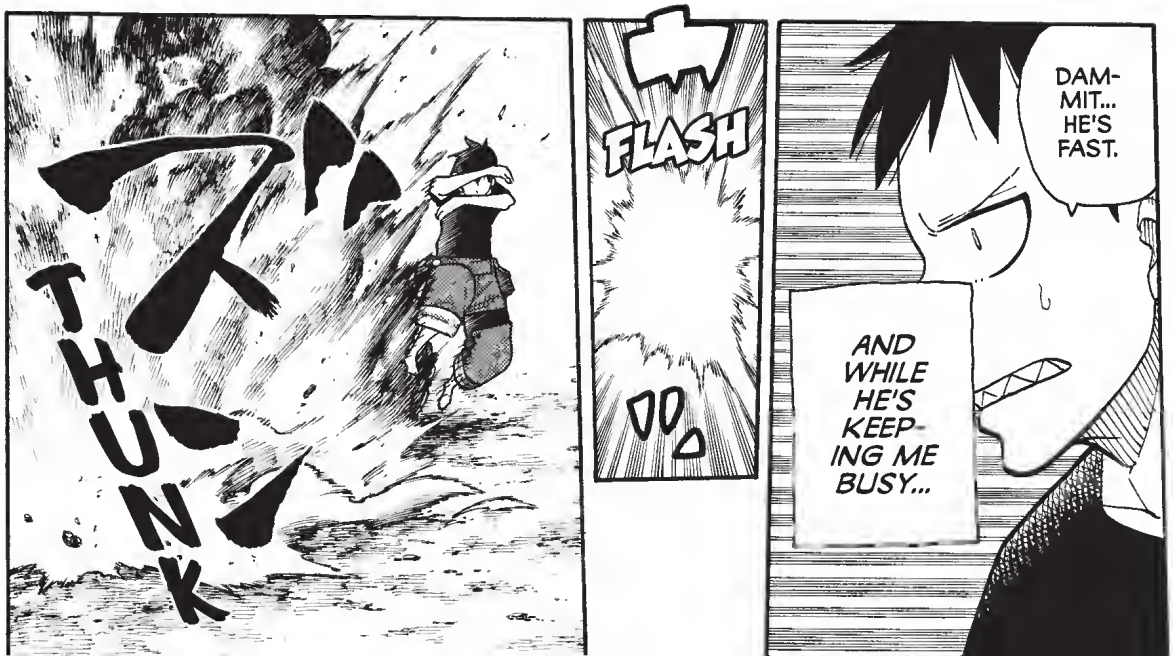

THAT SWORD... THE WILL OF HIS FLAME MUST BE QUITE STRONG.
...
HE DEFLECTED IT AGAIN...
BWN
!!
WHOA !!
SWISH
HOP
OH NO YOU DON'T !!
I WAS TRYING TO HELP YOU!!
YOU IMBECILE! STAY OUT OF MY WAY!!

カ
KA-
WHAM
ギュン
GWING
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

NO, YOU STAY OUT OF THIS!!
YOU STAY OUT OF THIS!!
SWISH
SWISH
SWISH
PROJECTILE WEAPONS DON'T WORK ON KNIGHTS.
GZHNG
WHACK!!

BOOM

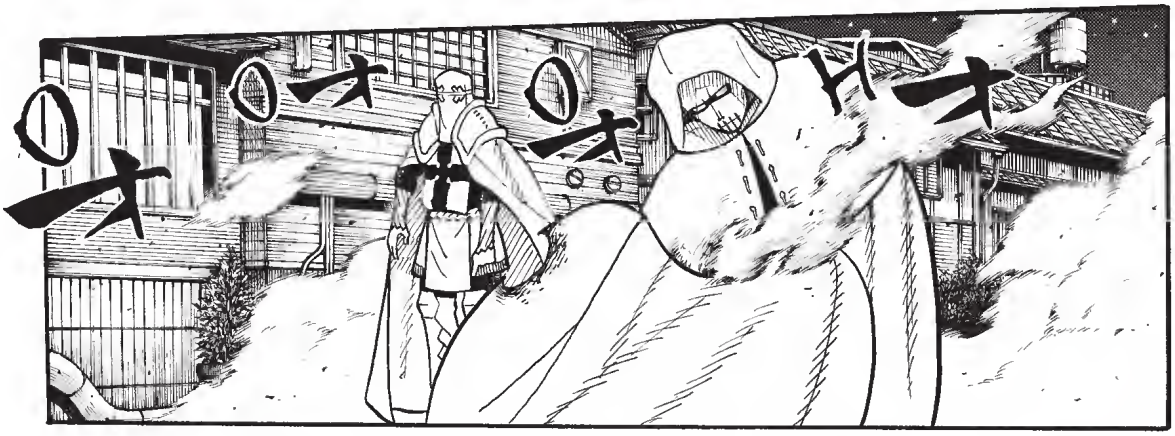
SWISH
SWISH
IF YOU'RE GO-ING TO DEFLECT THEM.
THEN ALL I HAVE TO DO IS USE ARROWS THAT EXPLODE.

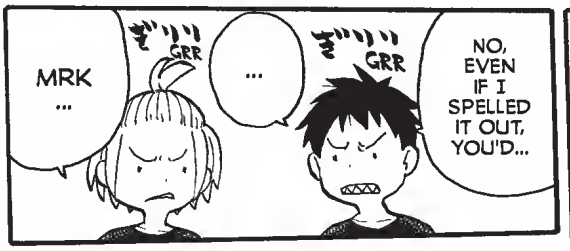

DAM-MIT... HE'S FAST.
AND WHILE HE'S KEEP-ING ME BUSY...
FLASH
THUNK

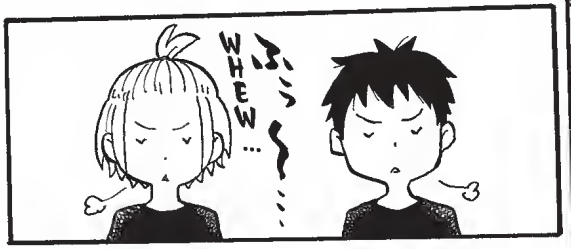
DON'T JUST SIT THERE DAY-DREAM-ING, THEN!
ズバー
SPLAT
1
SHIN-RA!! STAY OUT OF THIS!!
!!
NO— YOU JUST KEEP LYING HERE, GOOD KNIGHT!!
どわちゃ
RASSA FRASSA
RASSA FRASSA
どわちゃ
REMOVE YOURSELF IMME-DIATELY, YOU SLOW-WITTED DEVIL!!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

COUGH
COUGH
MR. HOODIE'S BACK!!
POP!!
SFF
!!
CL
ANG

SWOOSH




MRK...
...
NO, EVEN IF I SPELLED IT OUT, YOU'D...
GRR
GRR

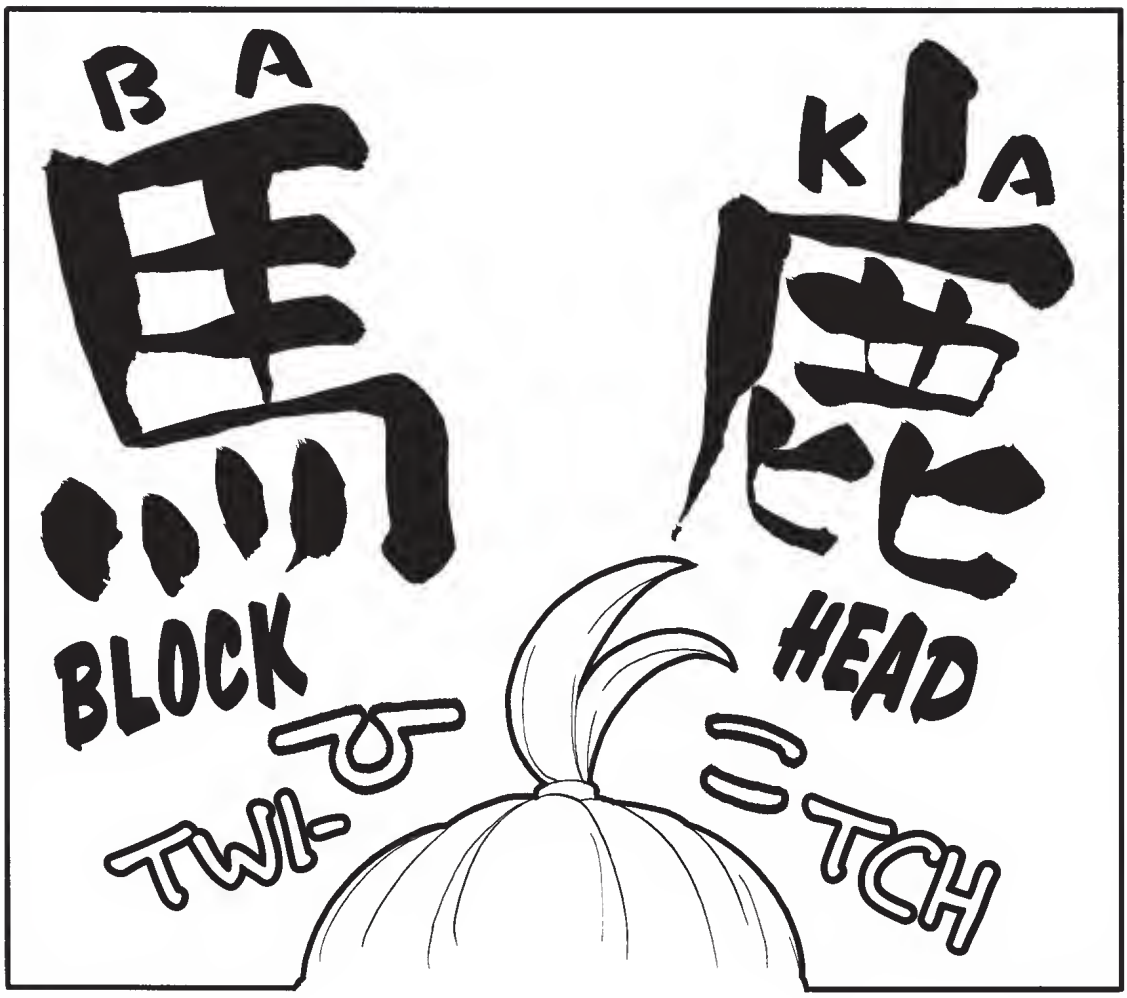

WHEW...

THEY'RE REALLY USING THAT FRONT-BACK FORMATION TO THEIR ADVANTAGE... WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER, OR WE'RE DONE FOR.
I CAN FIGURE THAT OUT WITHOUT YOU TELLING ME.

ZAM
HEH.
BEARS-WITH-THE-UNBEARABLE MAN!

FIRE FORCE

FIRE
FORCE



CHAPTER XLVII: TWO-ON-TWO DEATH MATCH

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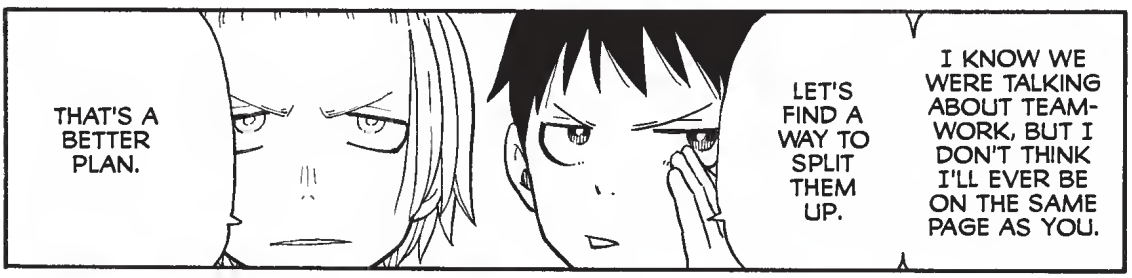
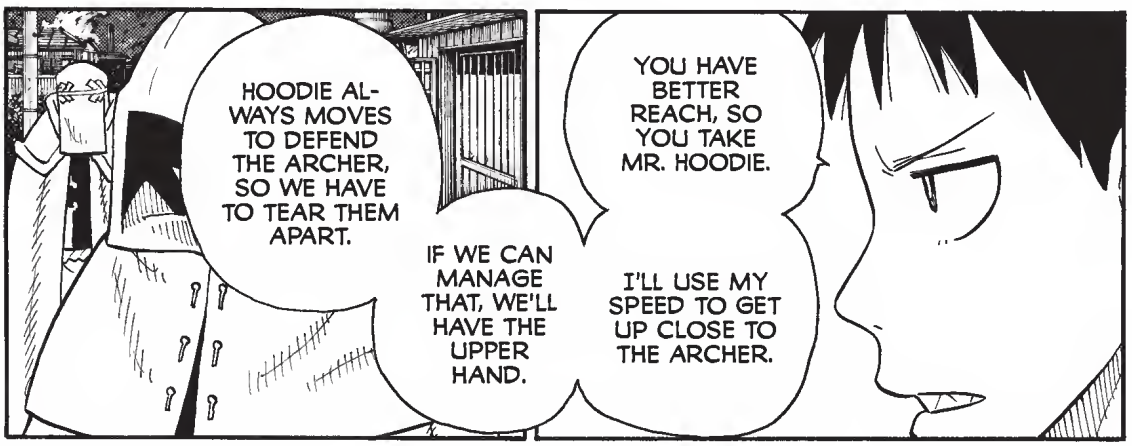
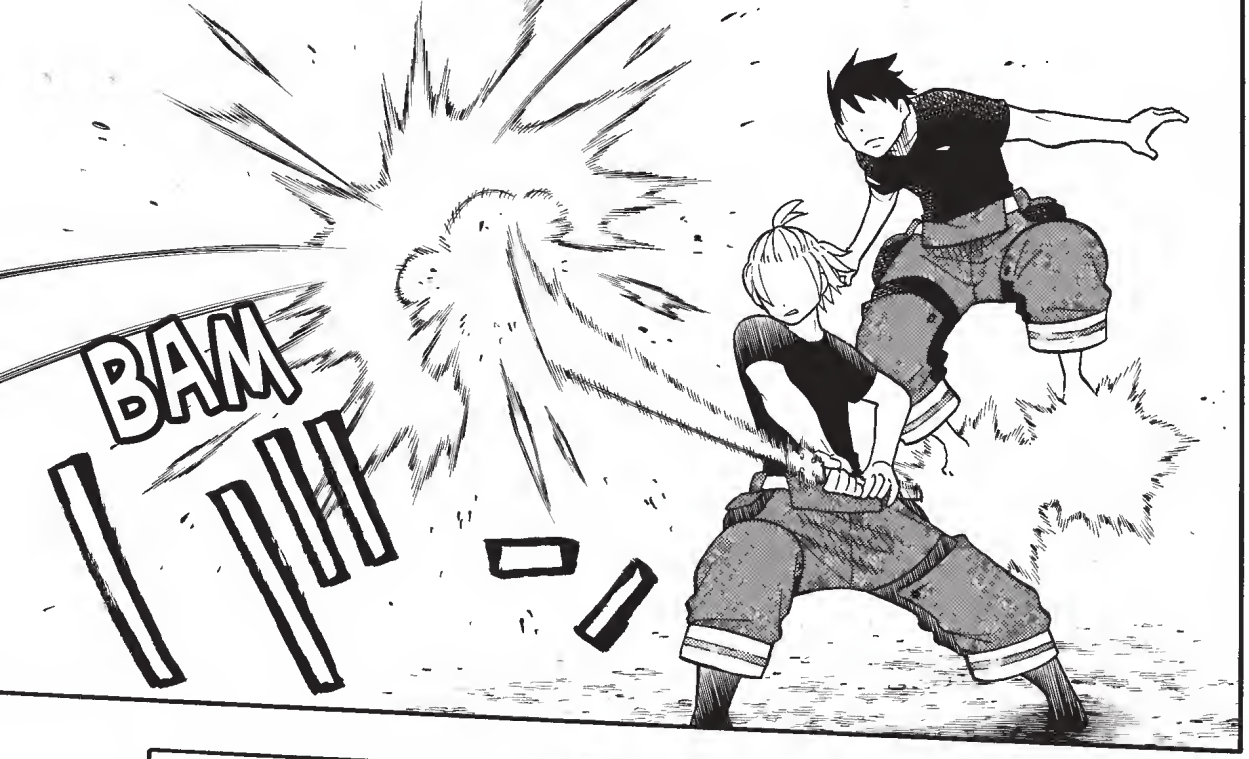
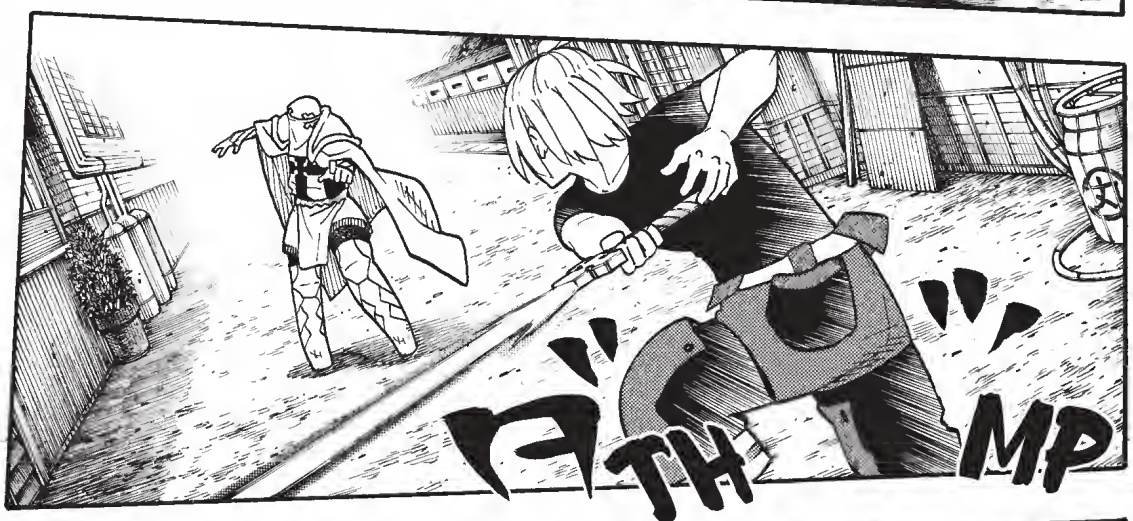

I KNOW WE WERE TALKING ABOUT TEAM-WORK, BUT I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER BE ON THE SAME PAGE AS YOU.
LET'S FIND A WAY TO SPLIT THEM UP.
THAT'S A BETTER PLAN.


YOU HAVE BETTER REACH, SO YOU TAKE MR. HOODIE.
I'LL USE MY SPEED TO GET UP CLOSE TO THE ARCHER.
IF WE CAN MANAGE THAT, WE'LL HAVE THE UPPER HAND.
HOODIE ALWAYS MOVES TO DEFEND THE ARCHER, SO WE HAVE TO TEAR THEM APART.

STAGGER STAGGERY
STAGGER STAGGERY
BUMP!!
YEAH!!
LET'S GO!!
LIKE...?
WE NEED OUR OWN FORMATION. SOMETHING LIKE...
THE ONLY REASON THEY'RE DOING SO WELL IS THAT THEY DON'T GET IN EACH OTHER'S WAY.
LIKE THIS.

CRACKLE
CRACKLE
SWISH
BOOM


BAM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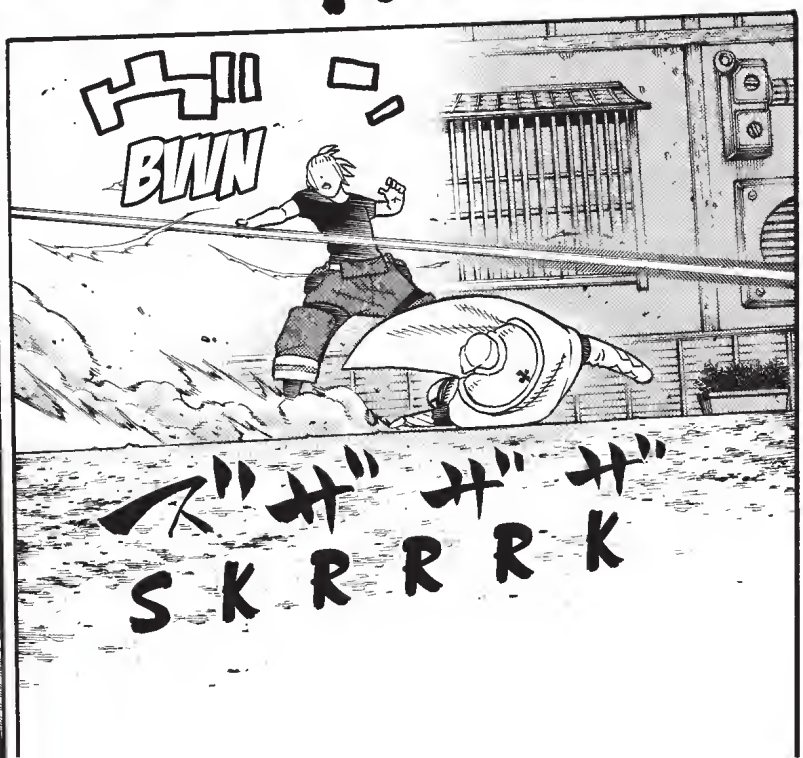
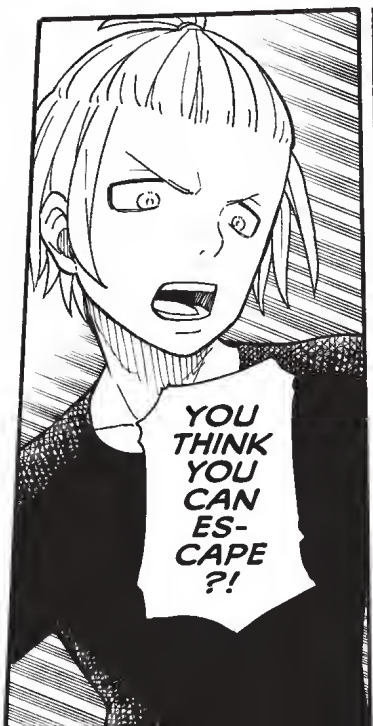
MP


BUUN
SKRRRK


YOU THINK YOU CAN ES-CAPE ?!

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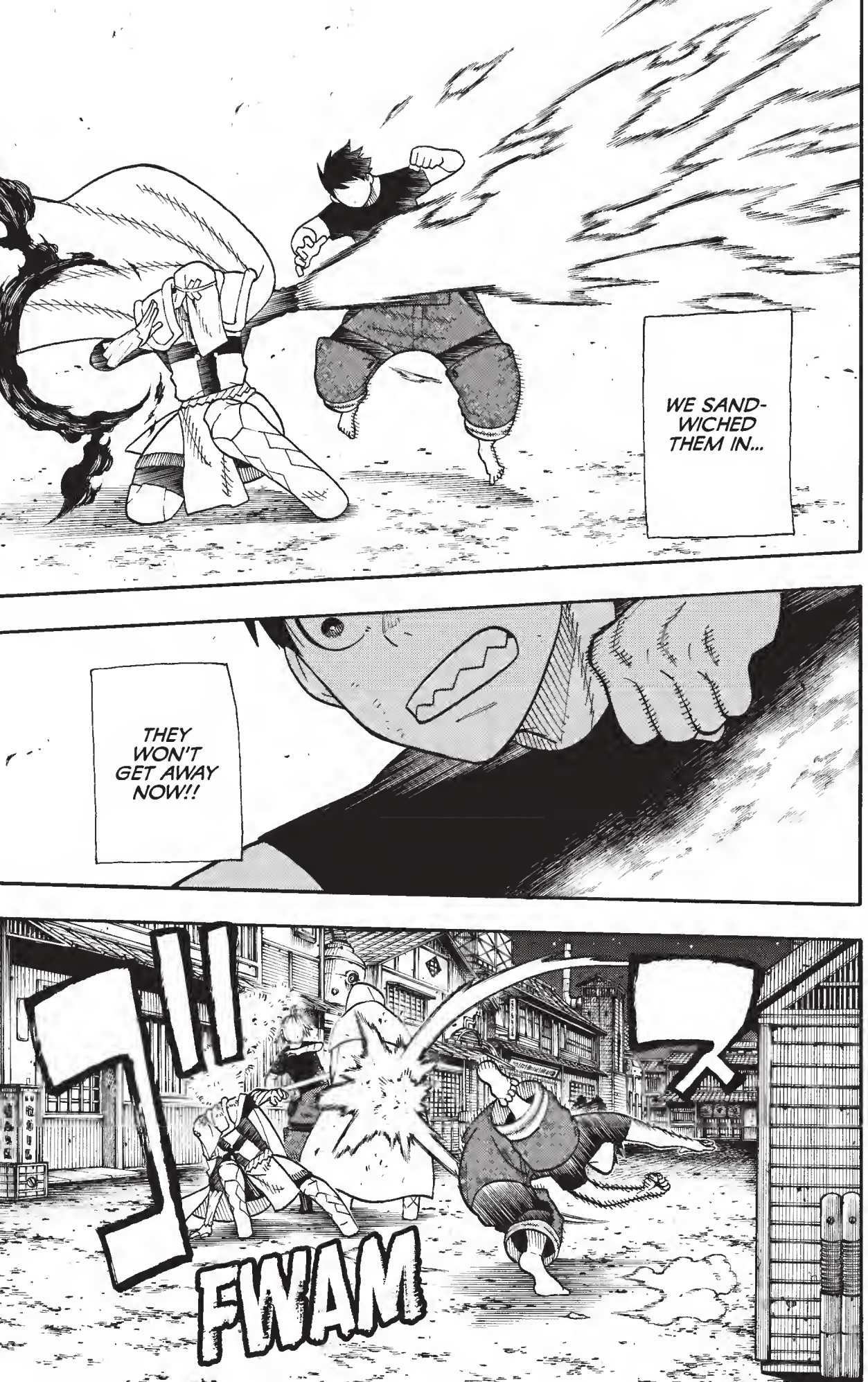
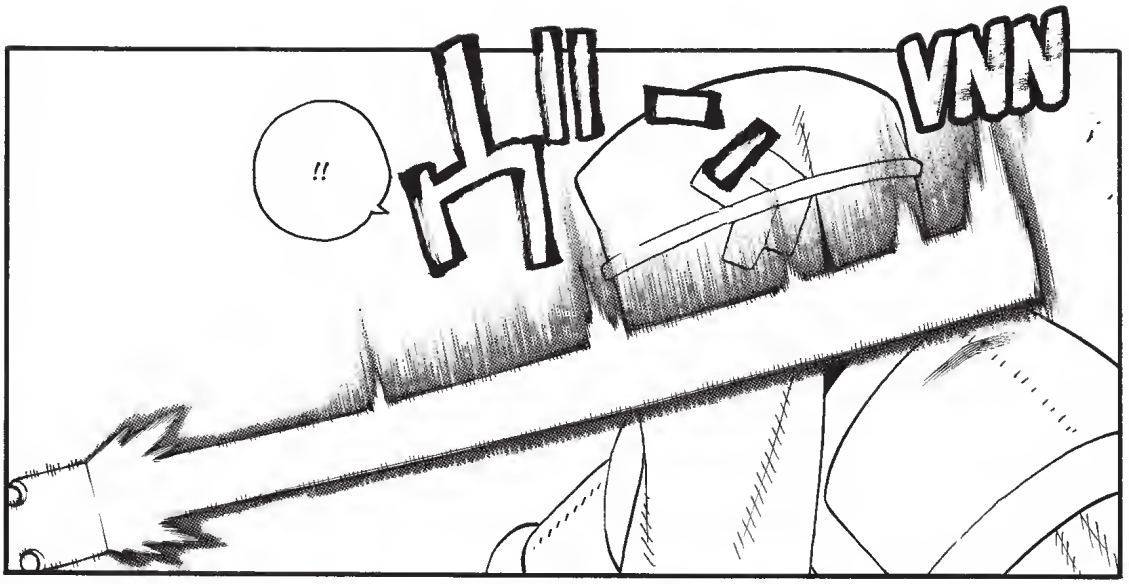
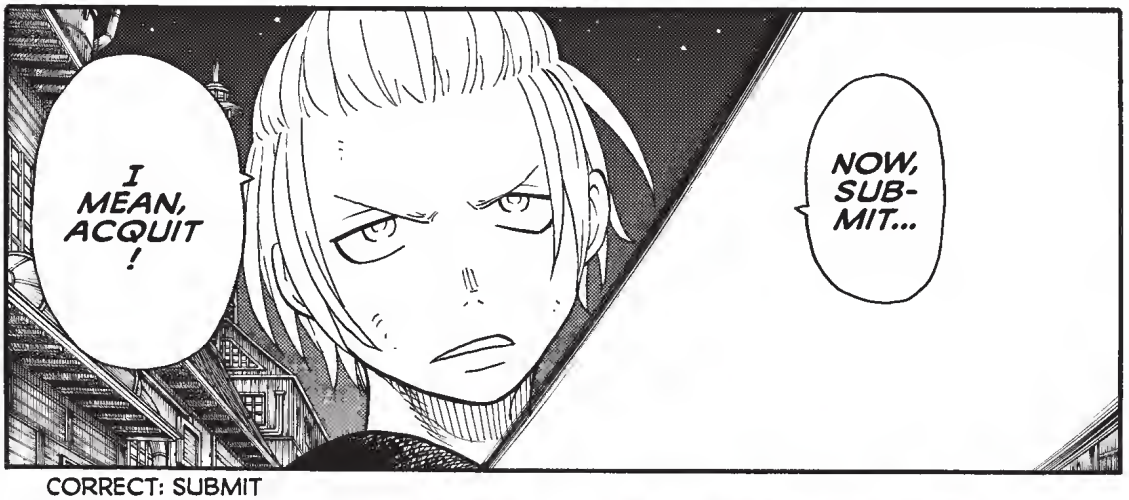
GRNK
SLASH
GZHNG
ZSH


WE SAND-WICHED THEM IN...
THEY WON'T GET AWAY NOW!!
FWAM

!!
POP
SWI-BWOH
THIS IS JUST A FREE-FOR-ALL!! WHAT WAS OUR PLAN?!
BA-
CHING
ZHOOM





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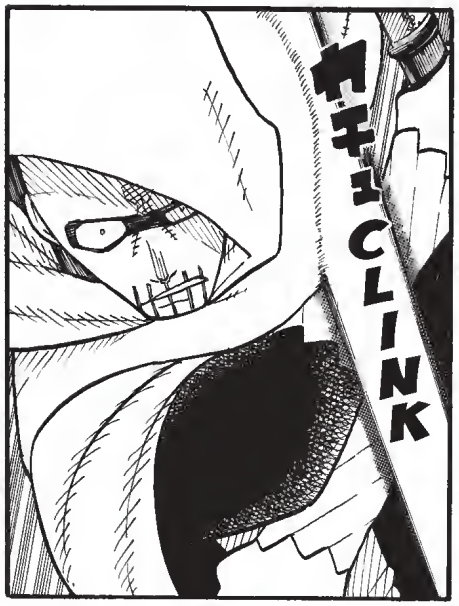
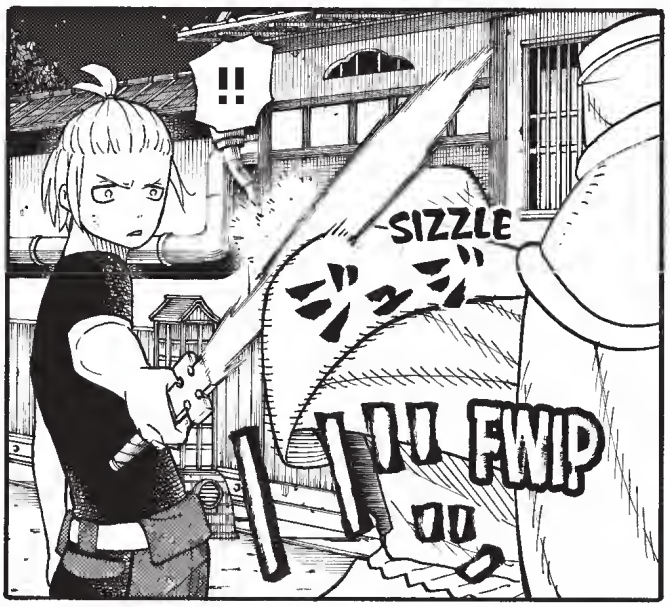
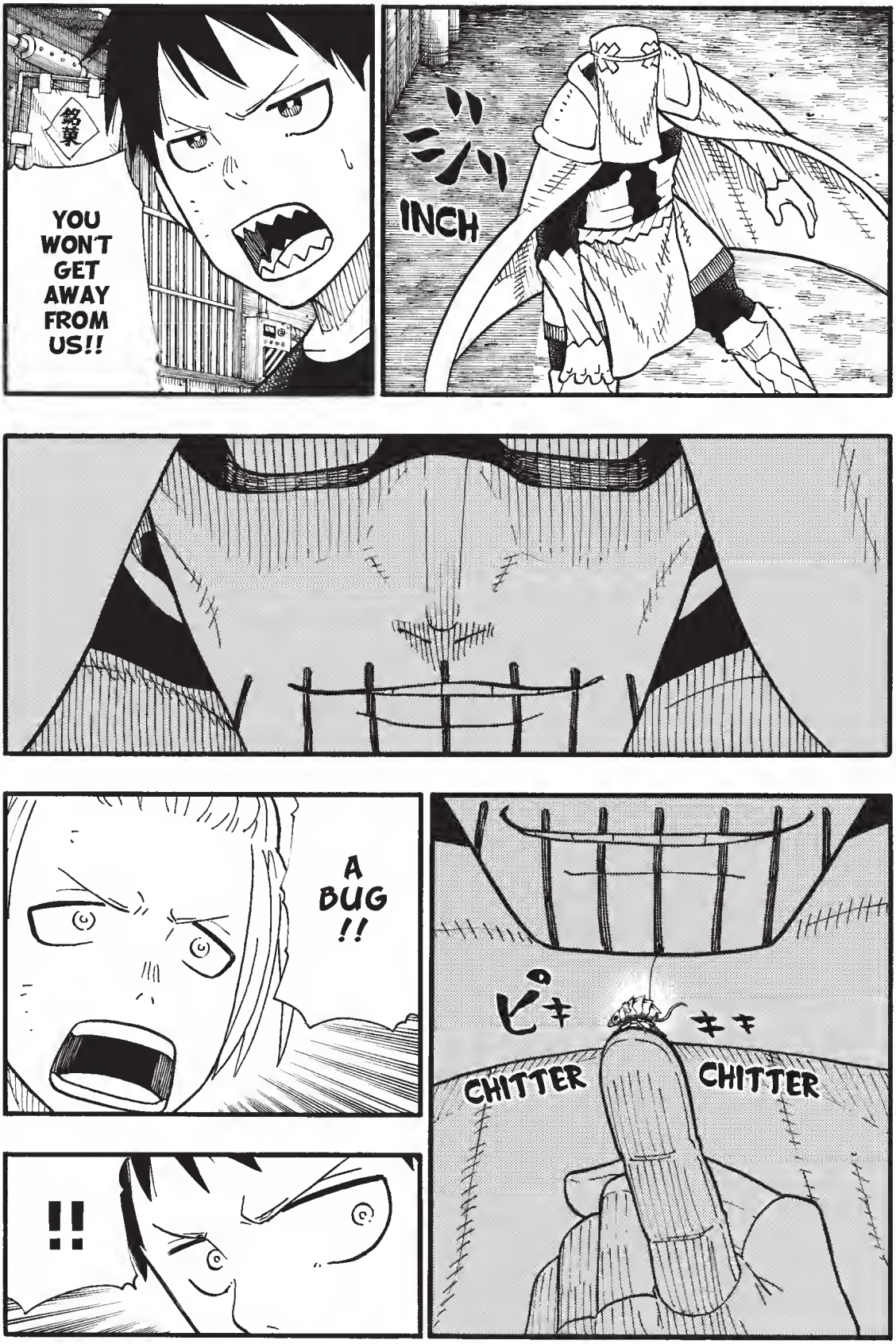




WHIRL
WHAM
ARROW !! RETREAT !!
FSHHH


銘菓
YOU WON'T GET AWAY FROM US!!
ハシハ
INCH
A BUG !!
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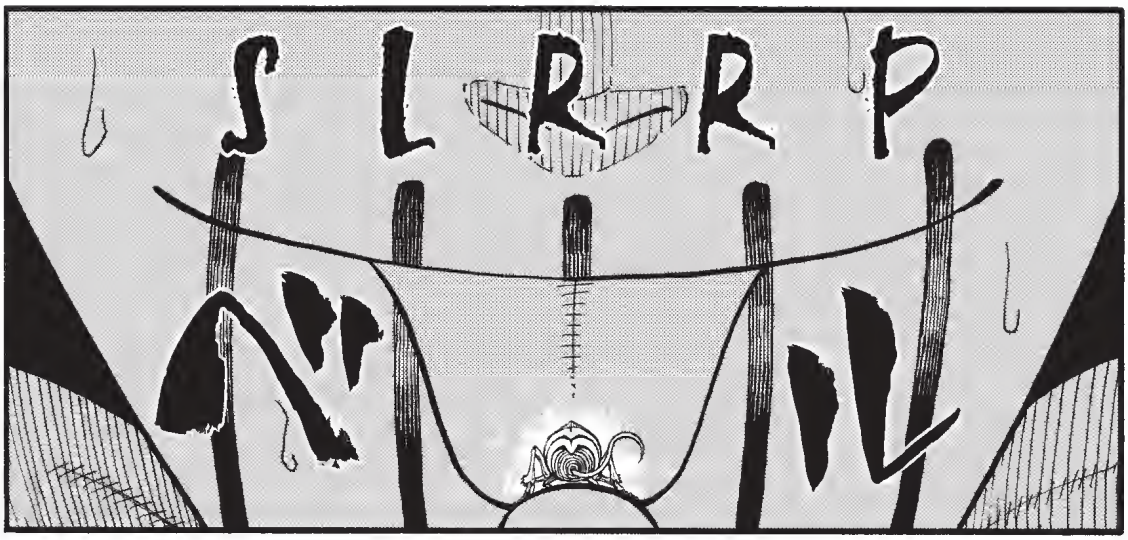
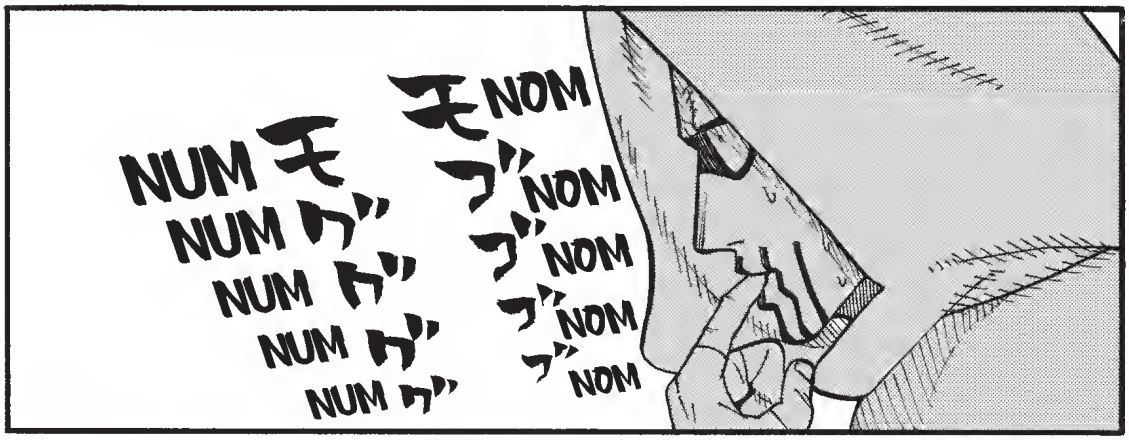
キキ
CHITTER
CHITTER
!!


SLRRP


NOM
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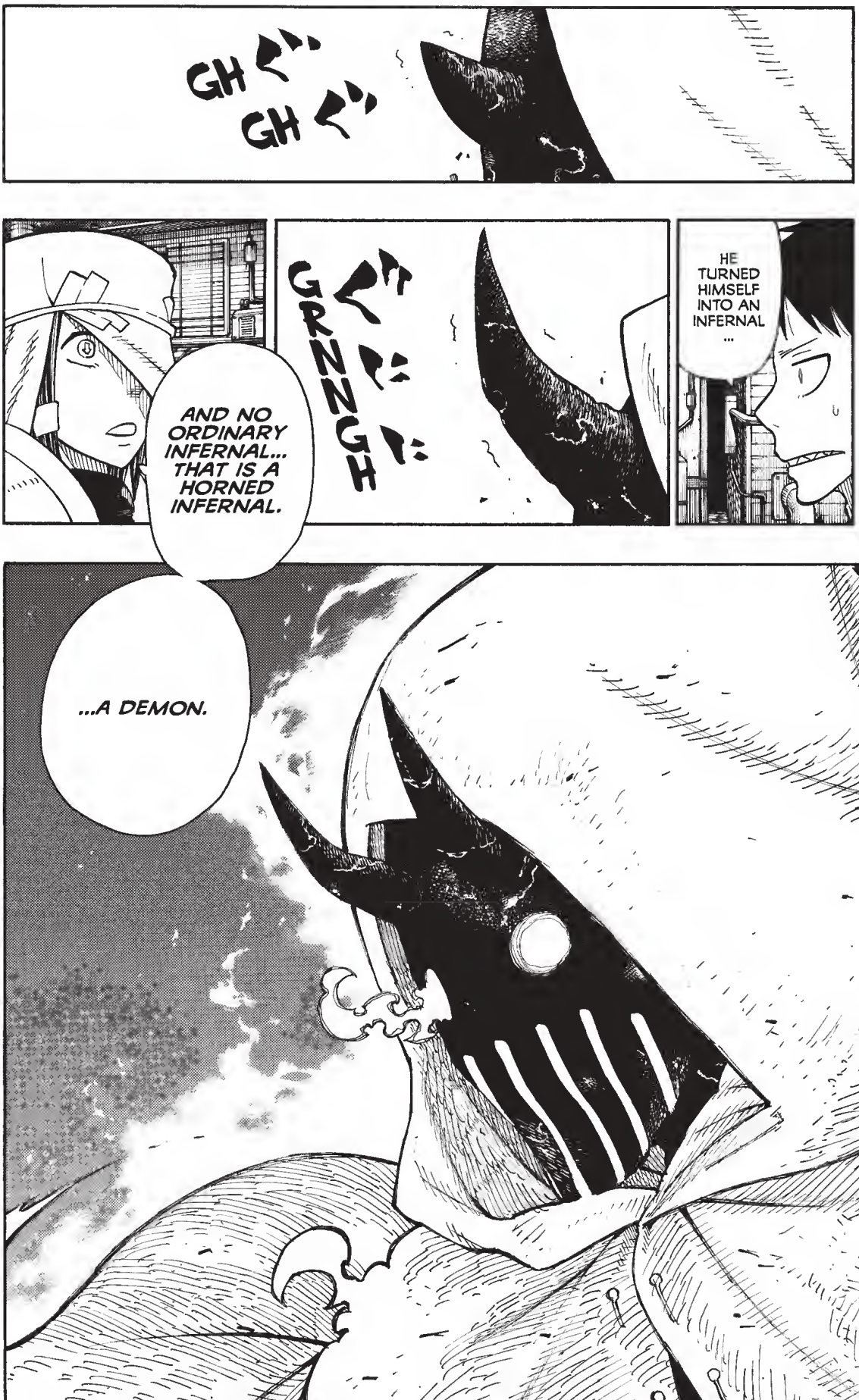
GULP

THIS IS ASAKUSA... A POWER SPOT. A PLACE WHERE DEMONS MAY APPEAR.
SO WHY NOT TEST THE THEORY ON MY OWN FLESH?
HA-RAN...
?!!
FWOOOOOM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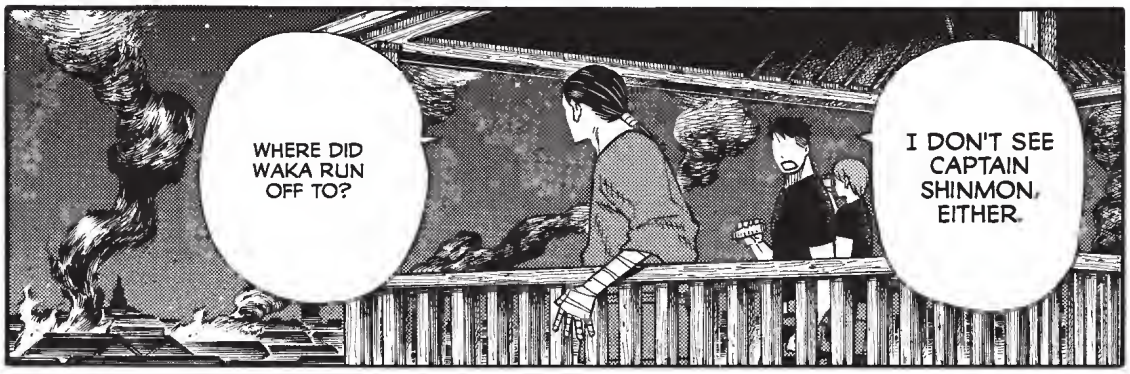
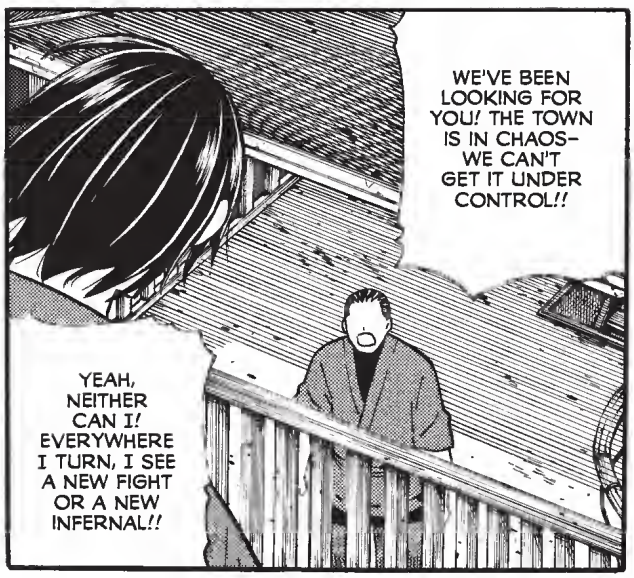
GH
HE TURNED HIMSELF INTO AN INFERNAL ...
GRRNNGH
AND NO ORDINARY INFERNAL... THAT IS A HORNED INFERNAL.
...A DEMON.


WHERE DID WAKA RUN OFF TO?
I DON'T SEE CAPTAIN SHINMON, EITHER.

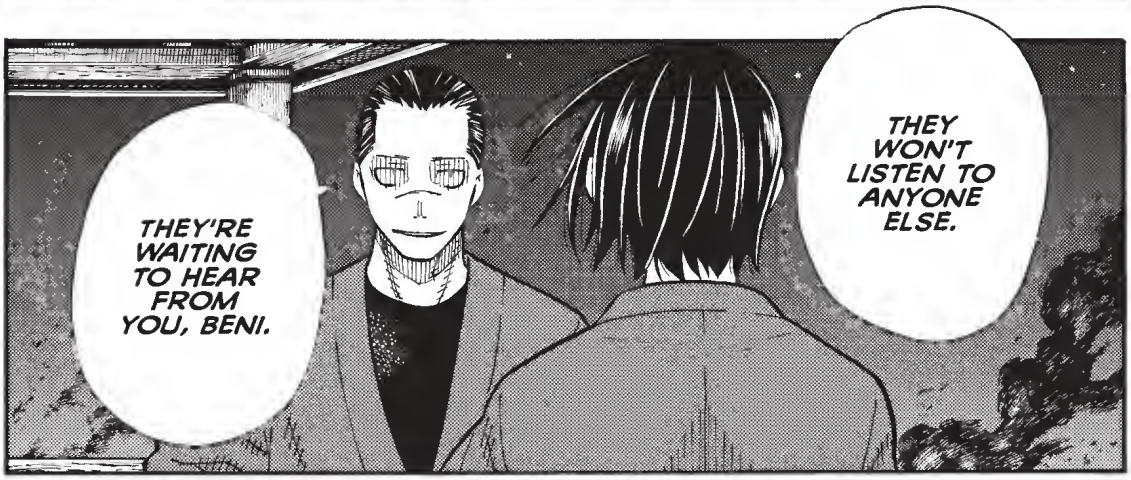

WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU! THE TOWN IS IN CHAOS— WE CAN'T GET IT UNDER CONTROL!!
YEAH, NEITHER CAN I! EVERYWHERE I TURN, I SEE A NEW FIGHT OR A NEW INFERNAL!!

KONRO!!
ゴゴゴゴ RUMBLE RUMBLE

APPARENTLY THE ENEMY CAN CHANGE FACE... WE SUSPECT THAT'S WHY YOU THOUGHT YOU SAW THESE TWO–IT WAS SOMEBODY IN DISGUISE.
NOBODY CAN AGREE–IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING!
NO. I'M NOT THE ONE THEY'LL LISTEN TO.
IT'S A MADHOUSE DOWN THERE! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THEY'LL LISTEN TO!!
WELL, IF THEY ARE CHANGING FACES, THAT WOULD EXPLAIN A LOT. SO TELL THE TOWNSFOLK!!
THEY'RE ALL WAITING FOR A HOTSHOT TO COME ALONG AND GET THIS WHOLE MESS UNDER CONTROL!!
IT'S TOTAL CHAOS.
LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ASAKUSA.

KON-CHAAAAN!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!! IT'S A MADHOUSE DOWN HERE! WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!!
YOU'RE STILL GOING ON ABOUT THAT?
WAKA ...
I KNOW!! THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE.
IT'S *BECAUSE* OF ALL THIS CHAOS THAT THEY NEED TO HEAR FROM SOMEONE WHO CAN STAY COOL UNDER PRESSURE– SOMEONE LIKE YOU, KONRO!!
WHAT HAPPENED TO BENI-CHAN?! WE NEED YOU TO FIND BENI-CHAN!!
THERE, YOU SEE? THEY'RE ASKING FOR *YOU*!!
AH?
STOP TRYING TO HIDE BEHIND ME AND ACCEPT REALITY.
PAT
...

NO MATTER WHAT ANYBODY SAYS, ASAKUSA IS YOUR TOWN, WAKA.


THEY'RE WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU, BENI.
THEY WON'T LISTEN TO ANYONE ELSE.

RUFFLE

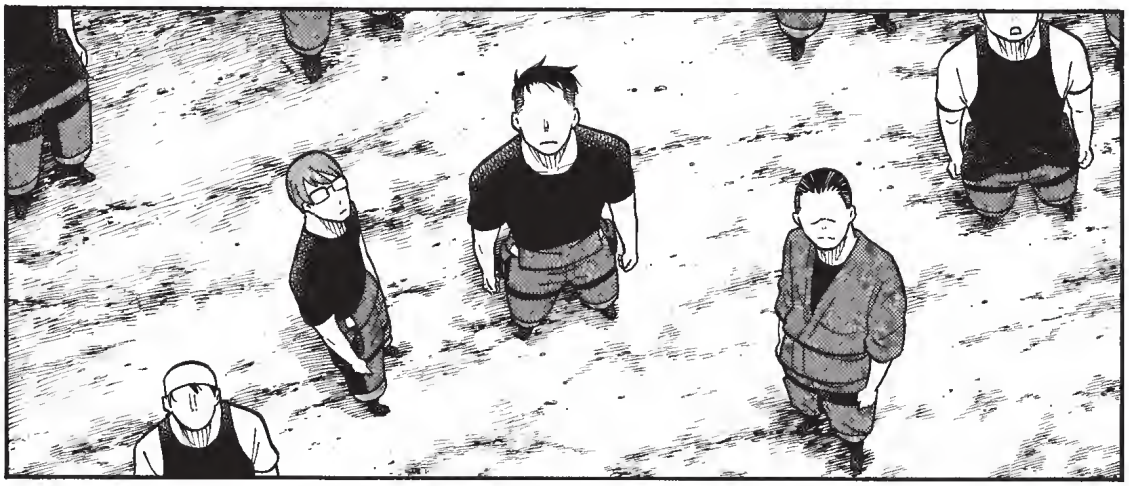
OFF THE WATCH-TOWER, ALL OF YOU.
YOU GOT IT.
YOU HEAR THAT? LET'S GO.

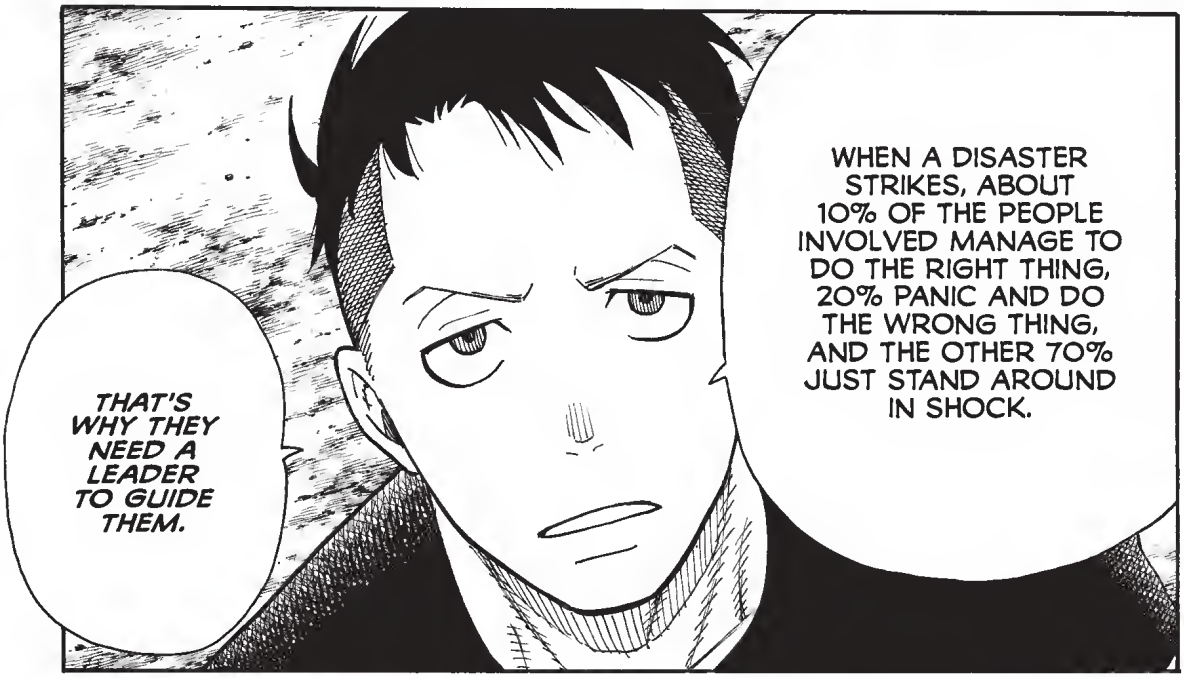
THE DESTROYER OF ASAKUSA IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN BREAK THROUGH THIS MADNESS.

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, THEN GET READY.
YOU ALL KNOW ME. ALL I CAN DO IS TEAR STUFF DOWN.
'CAUSE I'M GONNA BUST THIS MESS TO PIECES.

FIRE
FORCE

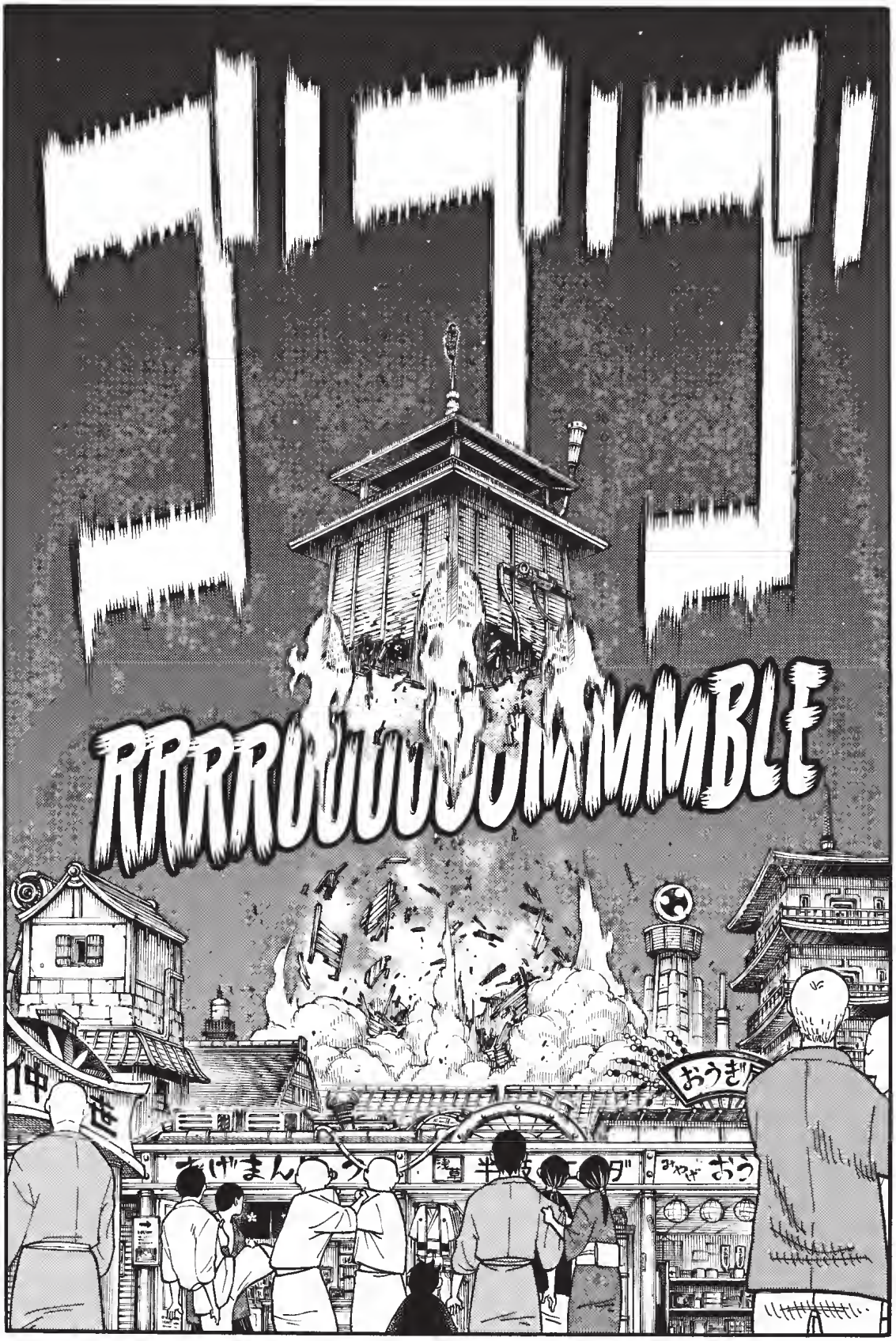
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO THEN, HUH?!
PLEASE, JUST FOLLOW OUR INSTRUCTIONS! WE'RE JUST TALKING IN CIRCLES!!
SHUT UP! NO ONE ASKED FOR YOUR OPINION!!




WHEN A DISASTER STRIKES, ABOUT 10% OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED MANAGE TO DO THE RIGHT THING, 20% PANIC AND DO THE WRONG THING, AND THE OTHER 70% JUST STAND AROUND IN SHOCK.
THAT'S WHY THEY NEED A LEADER TO GUIDE THEM.

CHAPTER XLVIII: THE PRIDE OF ASAKUSA

MORE! GIVE ME MORE! MORE OF YOUR THUNDEROUS RAGE!!
AAH! THE TUMULT! IT'S WONDIFEROUS!!
YOU WANNA BE POUNDED INTO NEXT WEEK, BUDDY?!
HEY! OUT OF MY WAY, STUPID!!
GIVE IT A REST, ALL OF YOU!!
I HEAR THE VOICES! VOICES OF CONTENTION!! VOICES OF CONTEMPT!! LOVELY VOICES!! HIGH VOICES!! NASALLY VOICES!!
THIS CHAOS IS ART!! WONDIFEROUS ART, CREATED BY NONE OTHER THAN MYSELF!!
THANKS TO YOUR POWER, YONA-SAMA, NO ONE CAN TRUST ANYONE ANYMORE.
NOW EVEN THE PROTO-NATIONALISTS WILL REALIZE THAT THE GREAT SUN GOD IS THE ONLY ONE THEY CAN BELIEVE IN.
AH...!! LOOK OVER THERE!!
WHAT ?!
WHAT THE-?!
?!
BOOM
!!
THE... THE WATCH-TOWER ...
THAT'S INSANE.


RRRROOOOOOMMMBLE
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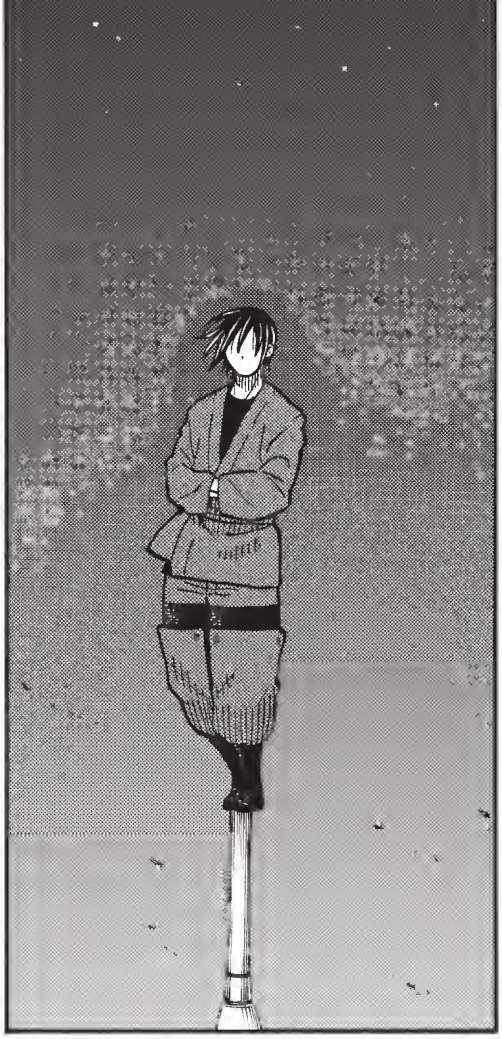
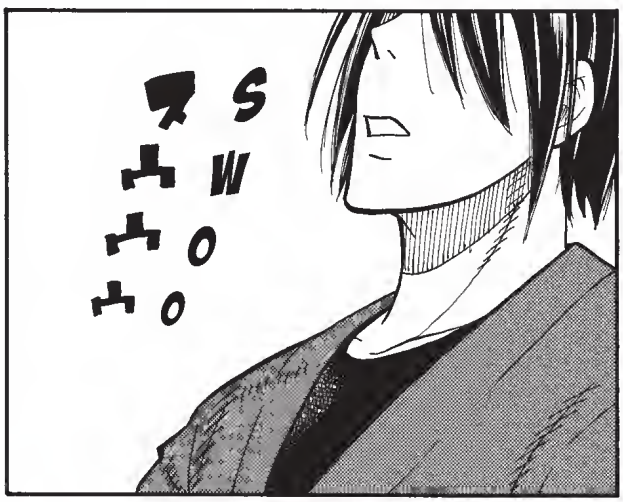
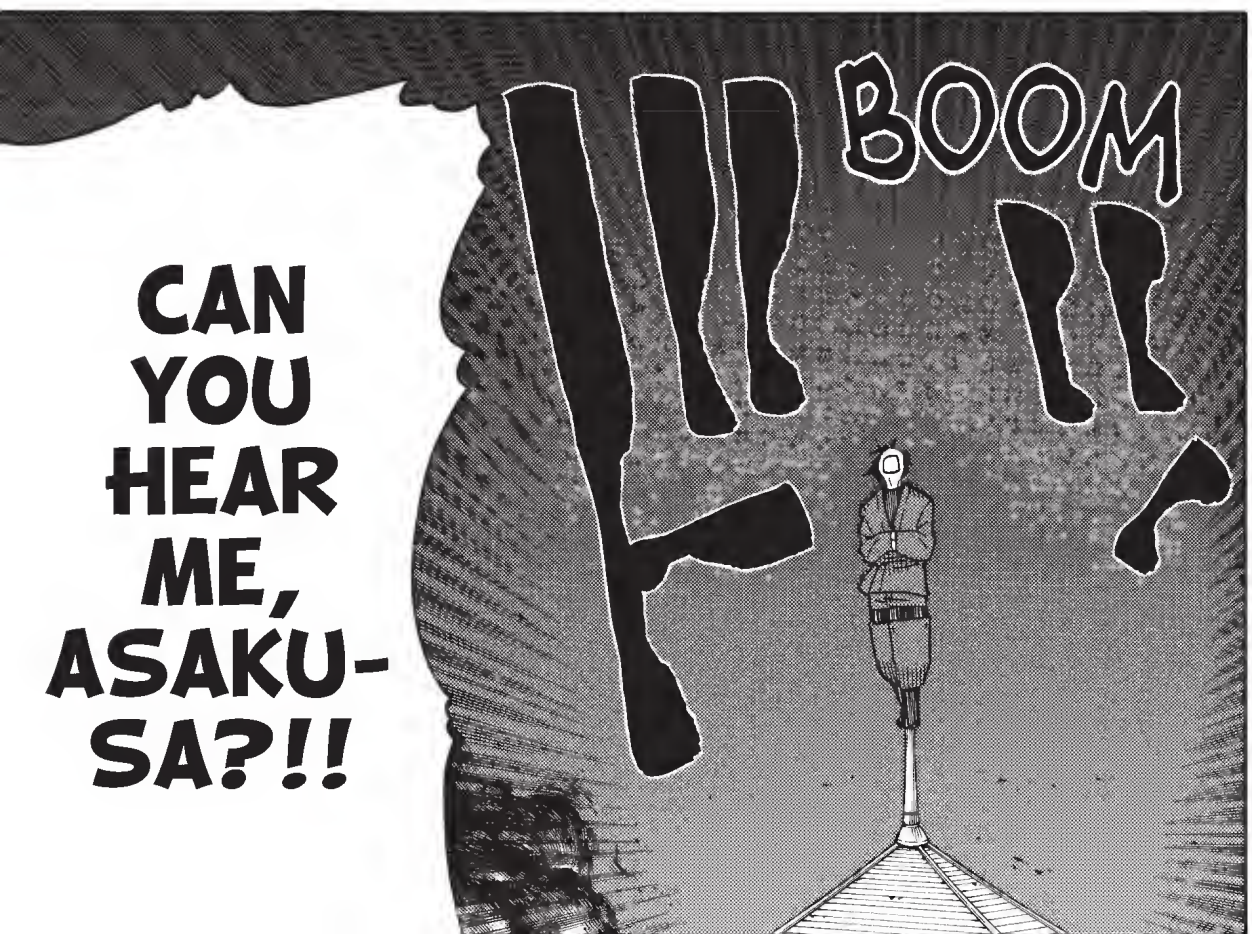
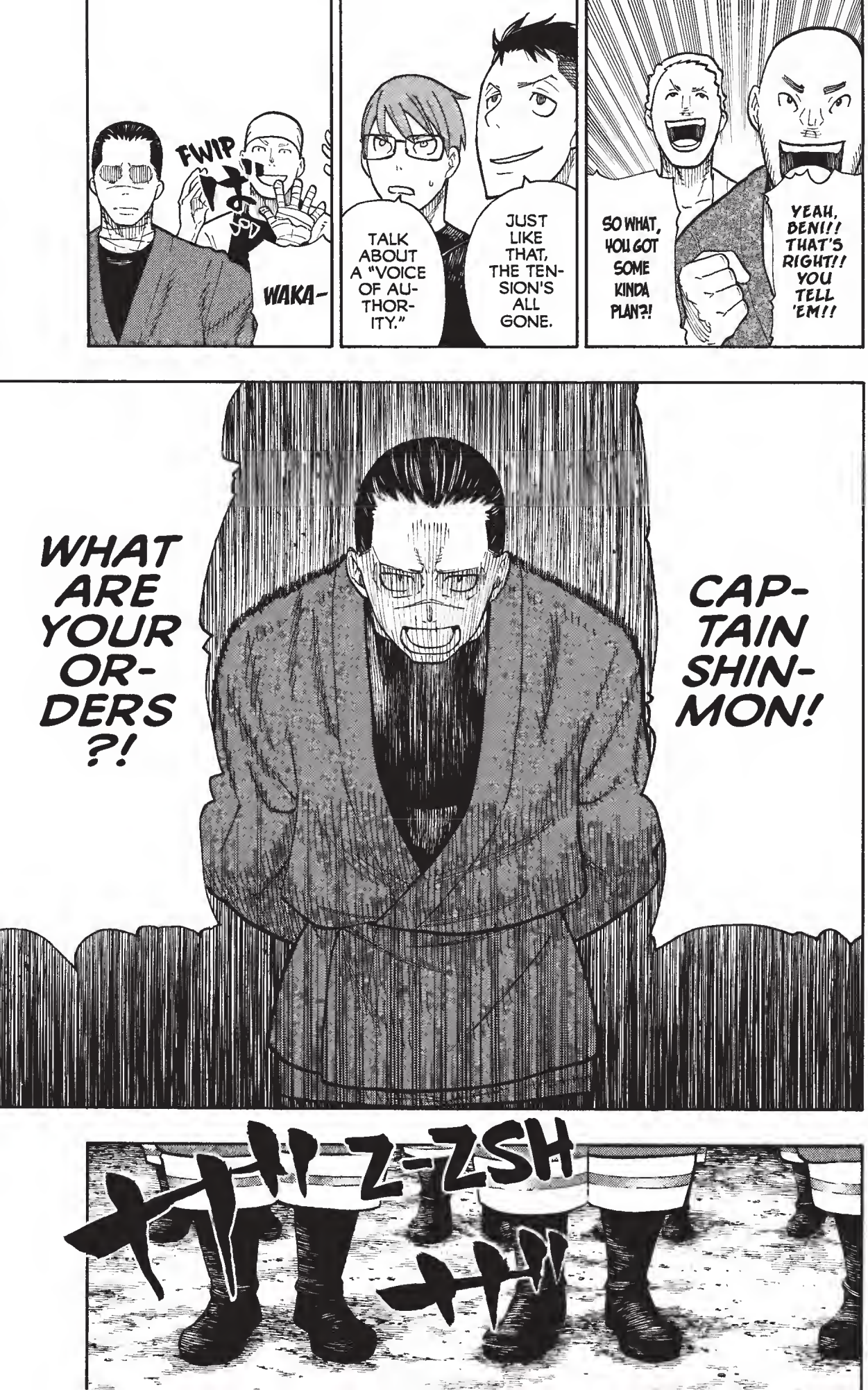
IT'S BENI-CHAN!
BENI !!
BENI-MARU !!




SWOOO


BOOM
CAN YOU HEAR ME, ASAKU-SA?!!

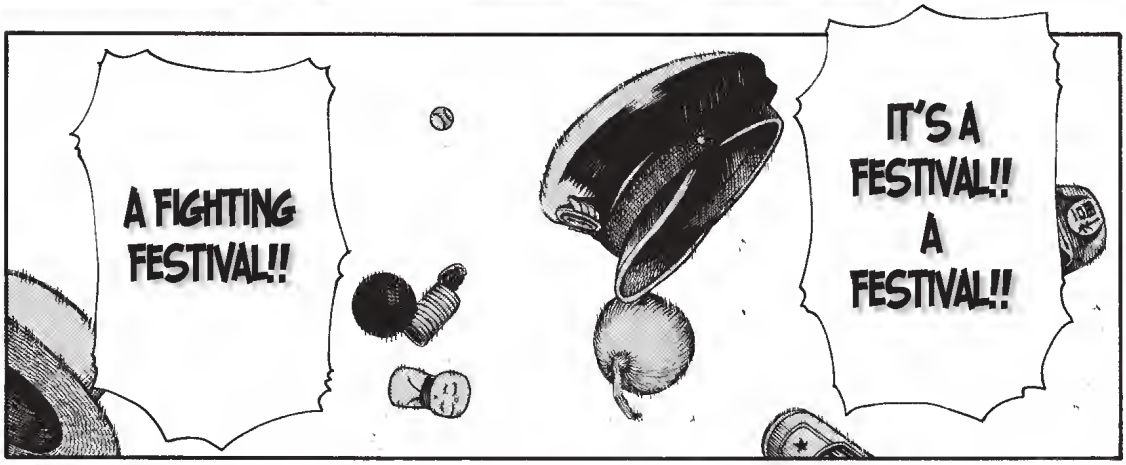
FWIP
YEEEE-AAAAAHH!!!
ピンポーン
ピンポーン
OUR TOWN IS UNDER ATTACK FROM OUTSIDE FORCES!!
THEY'VE DISGUISED THEMSELVES TO LOOK LIKE US, TO TRICK US!!
THERE'S NO WAY TO TELL WHO THE IMPOSTORS ARE!
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO TO STOP THEM!!
MURMUR
WHAT...?
DISGUISED?
MURMUR
BUT I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ANY OF THAT!!


FWIP
WAKA-
TALK ABOUT A "VOICE OF AUTHORITY."
JUST LIKE THAT, THE TENSION'S ALL GONE.
SO WHAT, YOU GOT SOME KINDA PLAN?!
YEAH, BEN!! THAT'S RIGHT!! YOU TELL 'EM!!
WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS?!
CAPTAIN SHINMON!
Z-ZSH

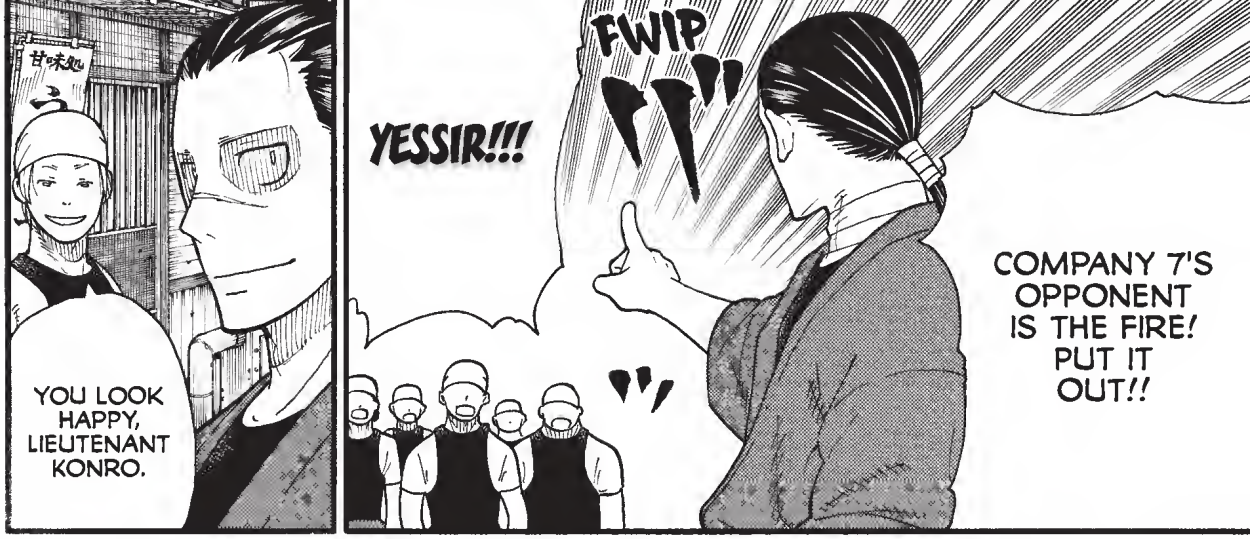
REAL, FAKE– DOESN'T MATTER! JUST DUKE IT OUT!!
EVERYBODY, START PUNCHING !!
A REAL ASAKUSAN WOULDN'T LOSE TO AN IMPOS-TOR!!

DON'T WORRY! COMPANY 7 WILL SEE TO THE FIRES AND THE INFER-NALS!
YOU JUST PUNCH EACH OTHER'S LIGHTS OUT!!

POW
POW
POW
SISSSSS

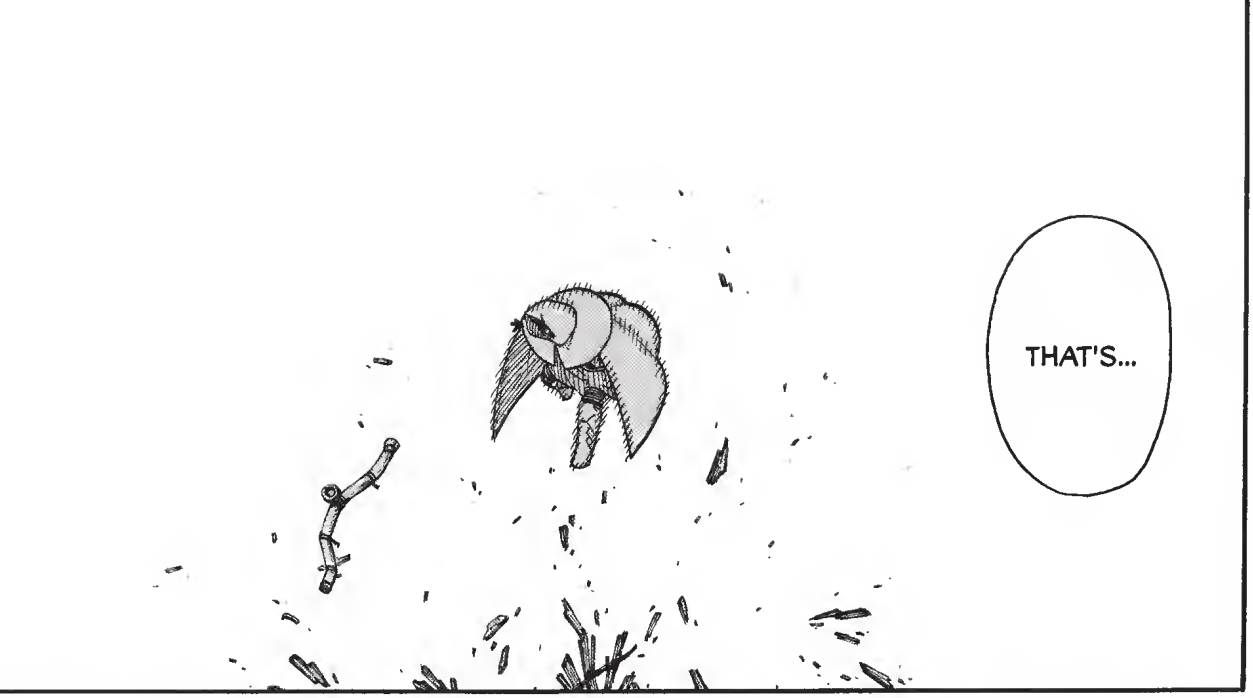

A FIGHTING FESTIVAL!!
IT'S A FESTIVAL!! A FESTIVAL!!

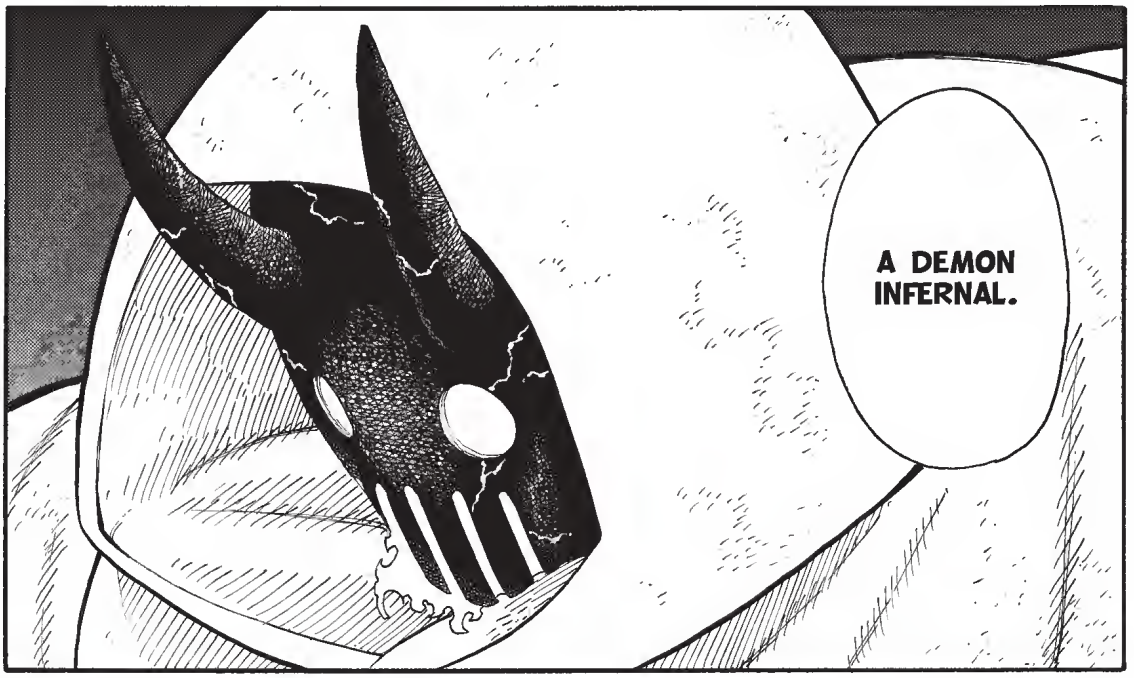
RORRAAAOHOH
RORROAOAOH
WHAT ?!!
HOW BARBARIC... THIS IS NOT ART!!
WHAT IN THE...
BENI WAS TELLING THE TRUTH!!
BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF EVERY-BODY BUT YOUR-SELF!!
HIS... HIS FACE...
GONG
SPLAT
KLONG

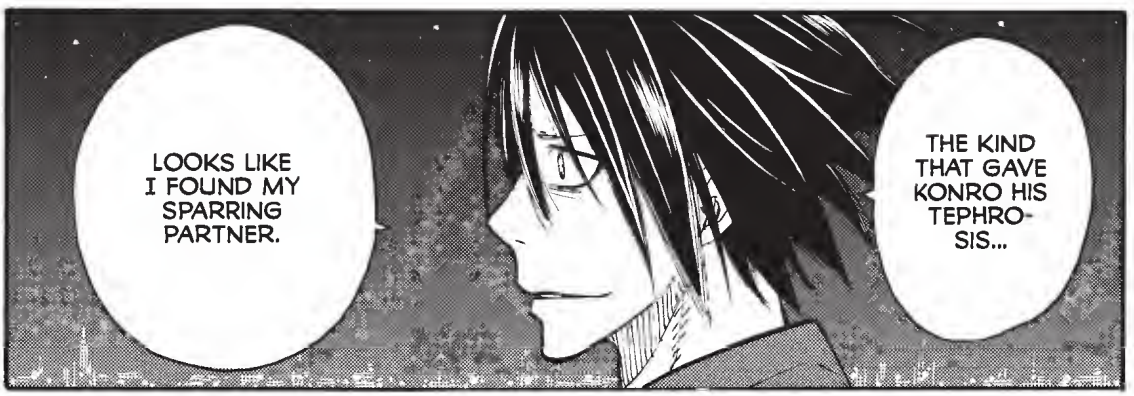

甘味処
YOU LOOK HAPPY, LIEUTENANT KONRO.
YESSIR!!!
FWIP
COMPANY 7'S OPPONENT IS THE FIRE! PUT IT OUT!!

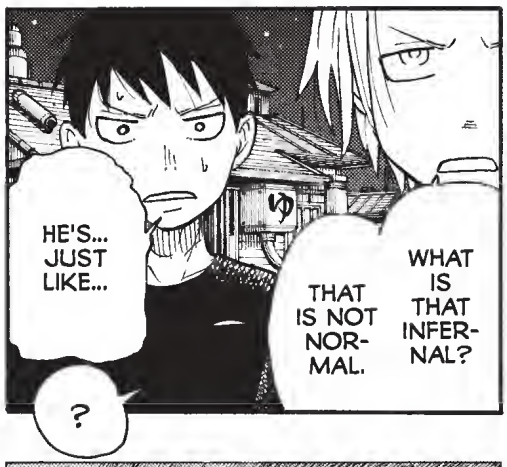
DAMN... IT'S ABOUT TIME.
YOU BETTER BELIEVE I'M HAPPY.

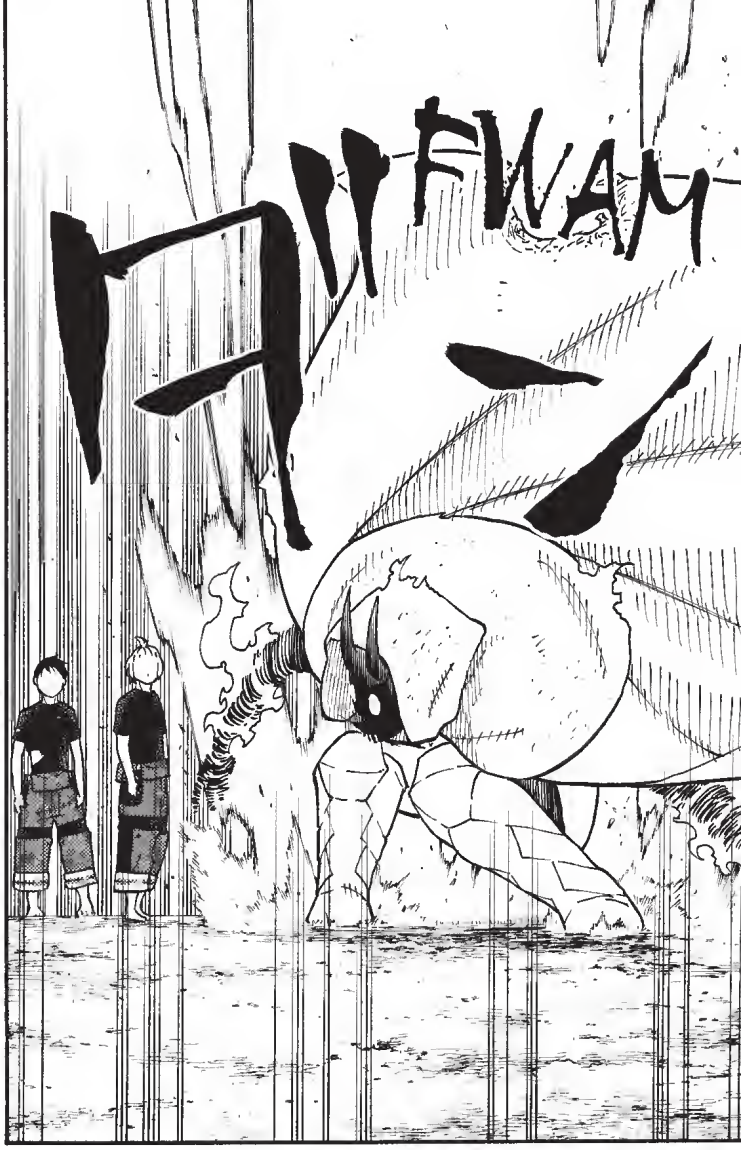
!!
WHAM

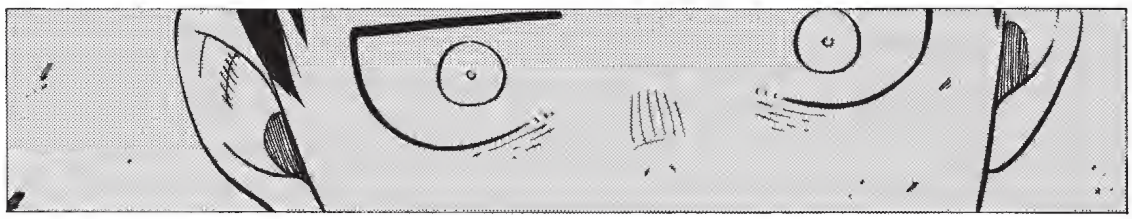

THAT'S...

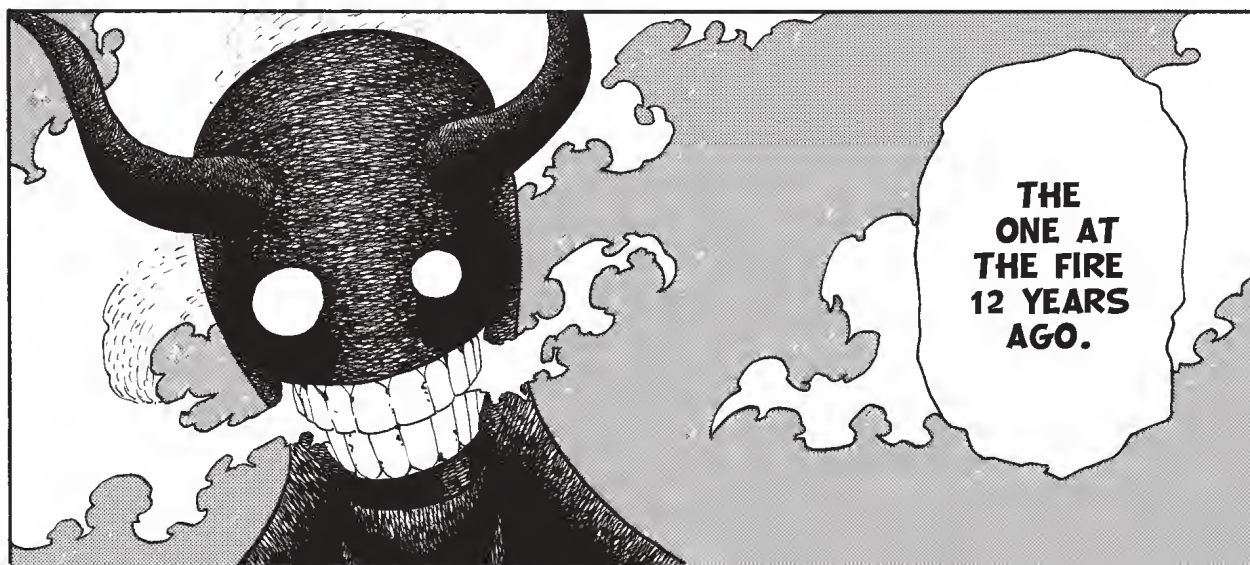

A DEMON INFERNAL.

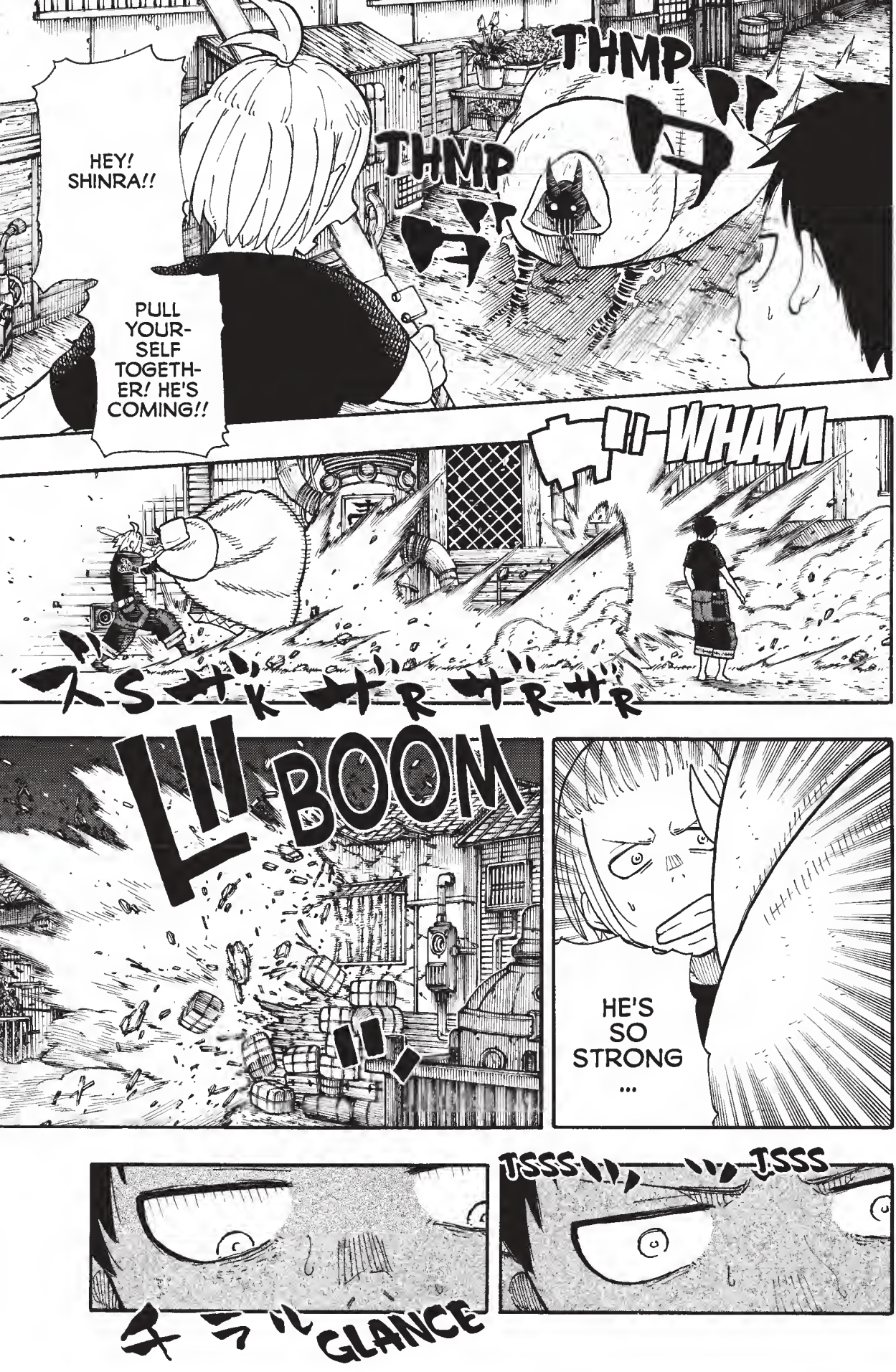

LOOKS LIKE I FOUND MY SPARRING PARTNER.
THE KIND THAT GAVE KONRO HIS TEPHRO-SIS...


HE'S... JUST LIKE...
?
THAT IS NOT NOR-MAL.
WHAT IS THAT INFER-NAL?


FWAM

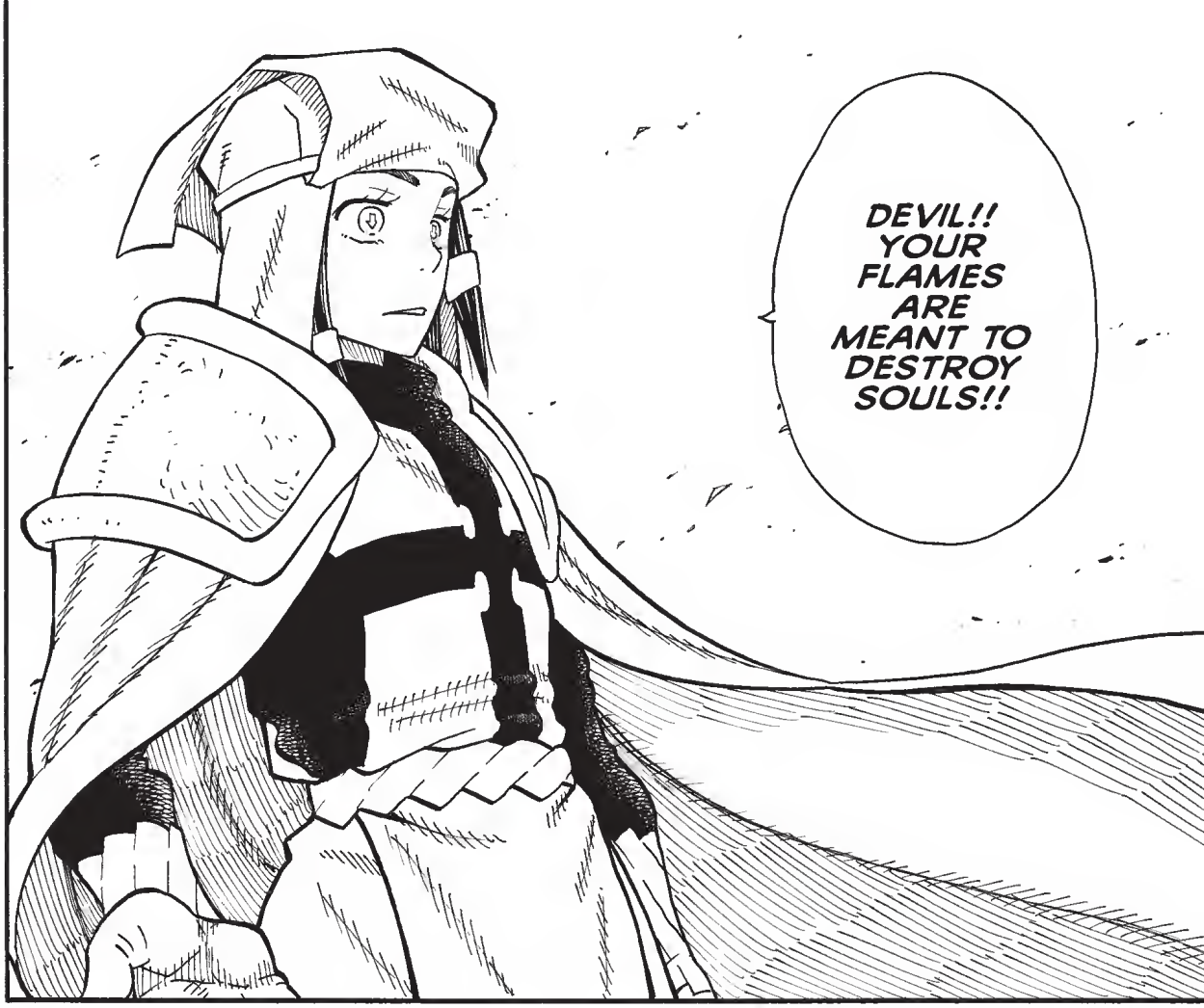



THE ONE AT THE FIRE 12 YEARS AGO.


HEY! SHINRA!!
PULL YOUR-SELF TOGETH-ER! HE'S COMING!!
THMP
THMP
WHAM
スサササササ
BOOM
HE'S SO STRONG ...
TSSS
TSSS
チラ!! GLANCE

!!
NYOOP
GRIN

WAAAAAHH!!
FWUMP
澤田製衣
...
THAT'S AN *ADOLLA LINK*, ISN'T IT?
SMM
IT'S TRUE. YOU DON'T BELONG WITH THEM.
WHAT...?
H!!
ZSH


DEVIL!! YOUR FLAMES ARE MEANT TO DESTROY SOULS!!

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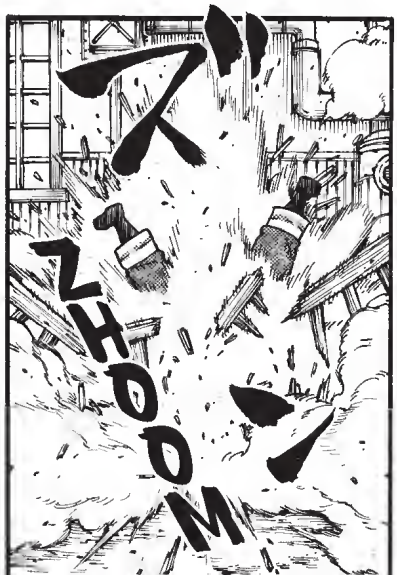
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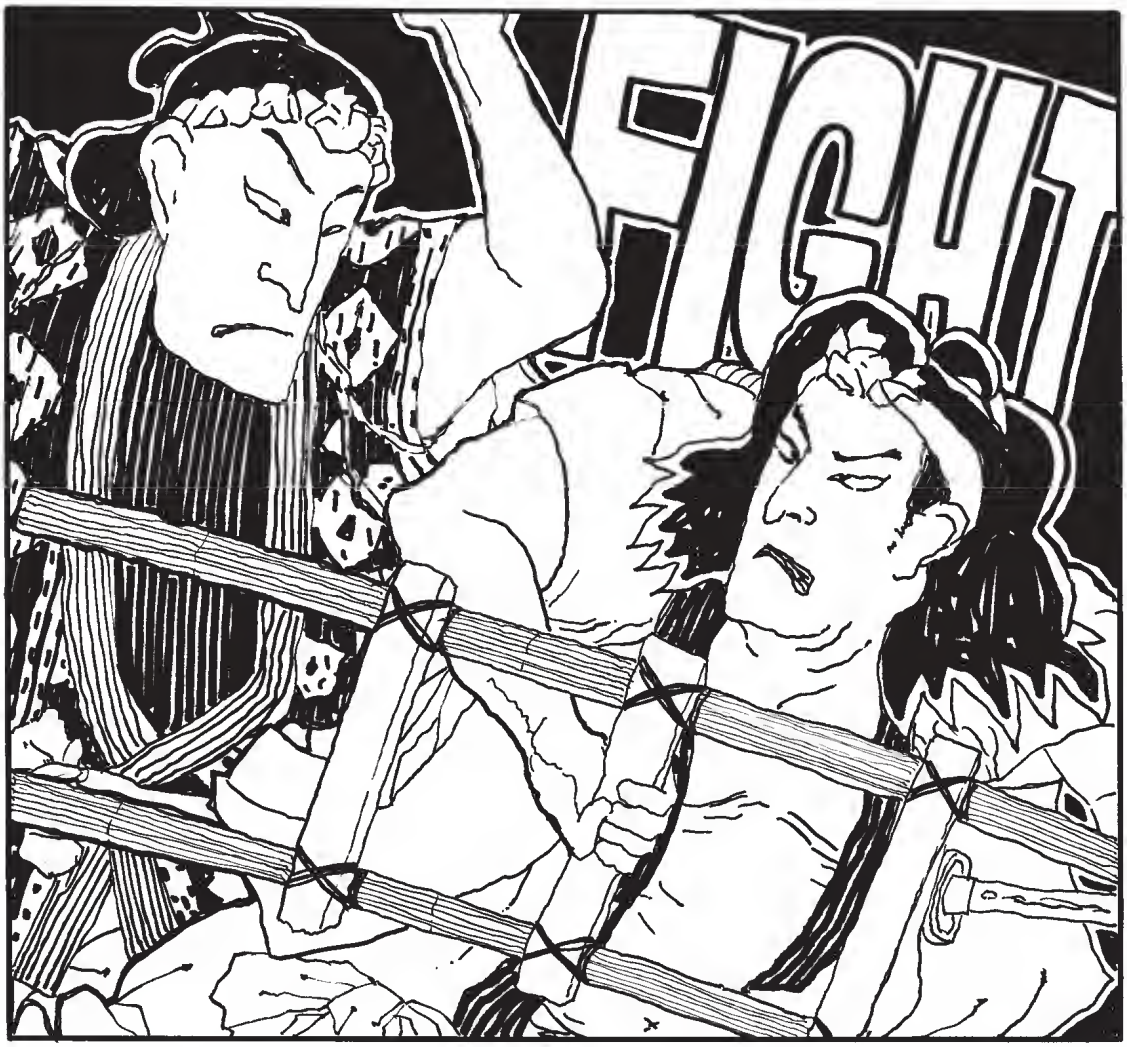
HEY! SLOW-WITTED DEVIL!!

!!
HEY... SHINRA... QUIT LEAFING AROUND ALREADY!
I COULD USE SOME HELP!
UH... YEAH.
CORRECT: LOAFING AROUND
SWISH!!
BOOM!!
!!
?!

I'LL BE YOUR SPARRING PART-NER!!

FIRE FORCE

FIRE
FORCE



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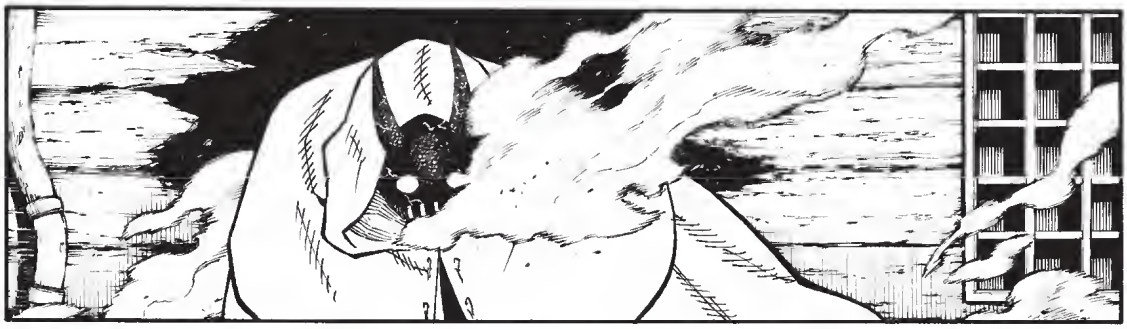

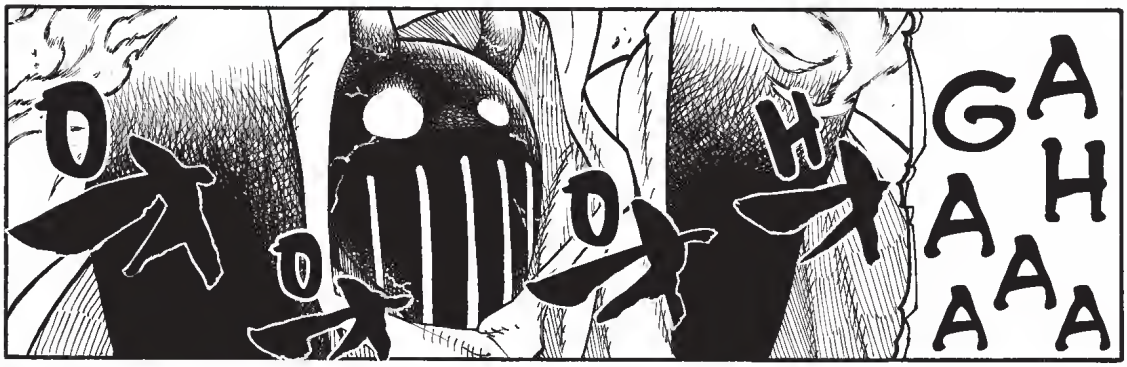
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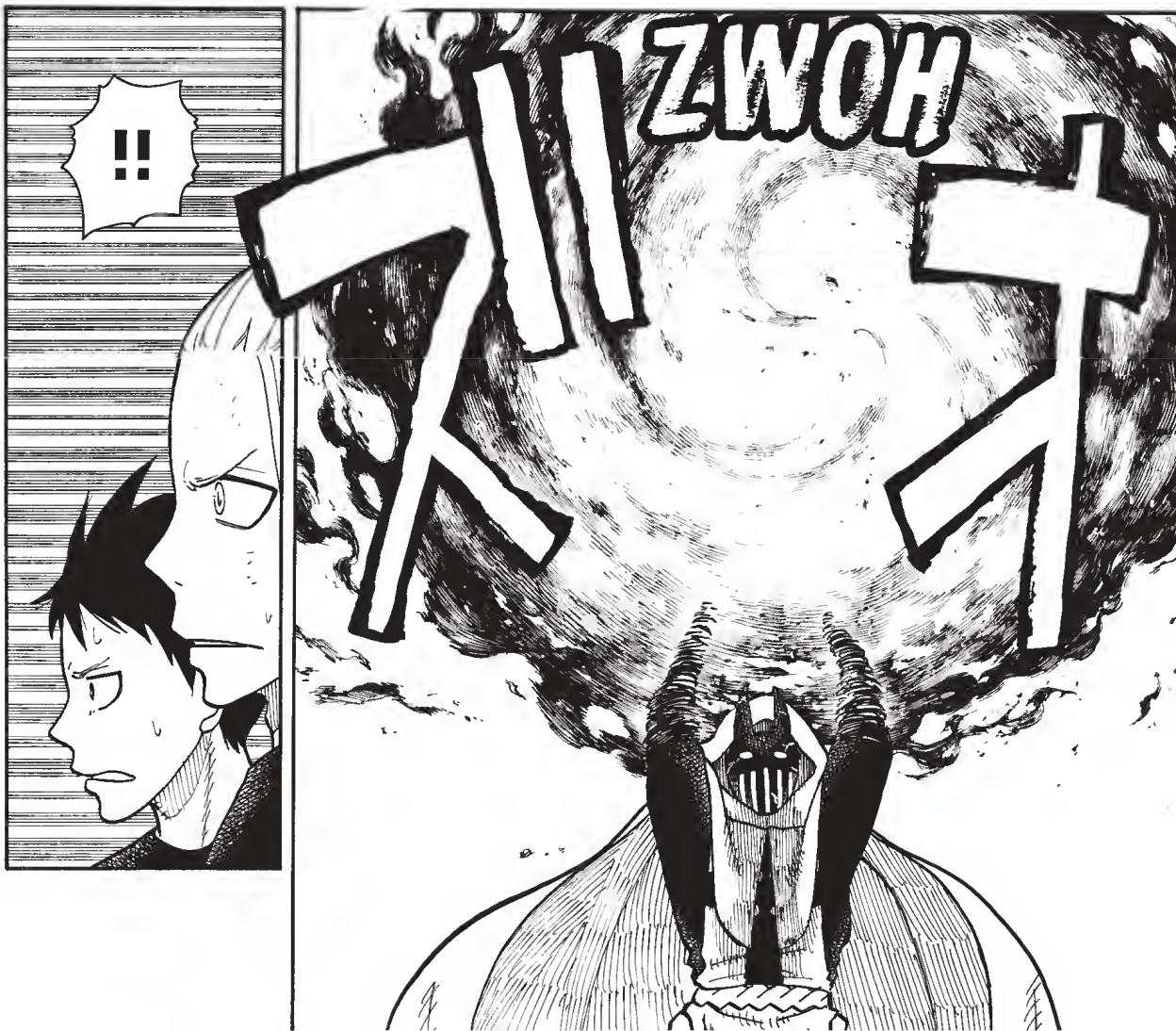
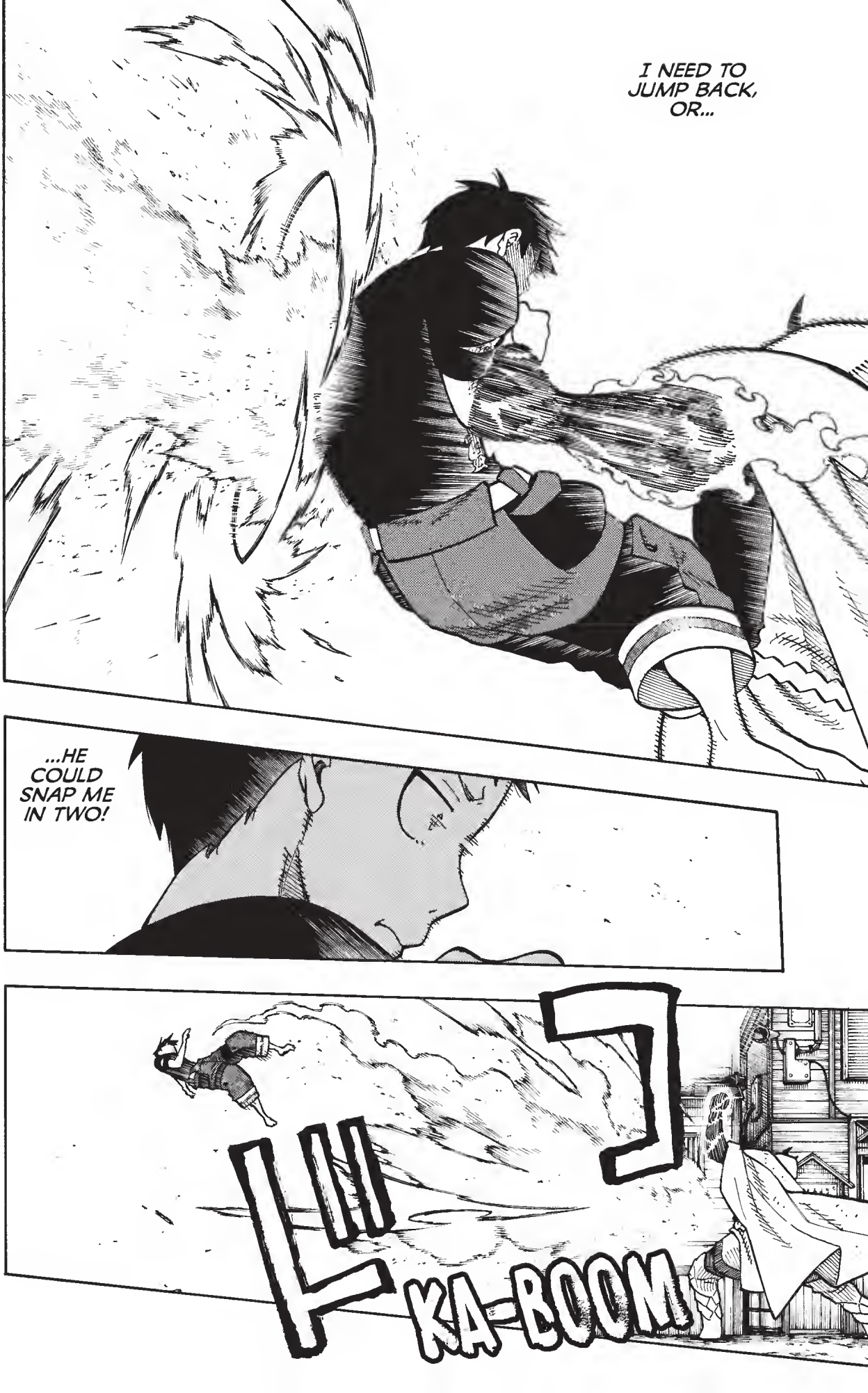
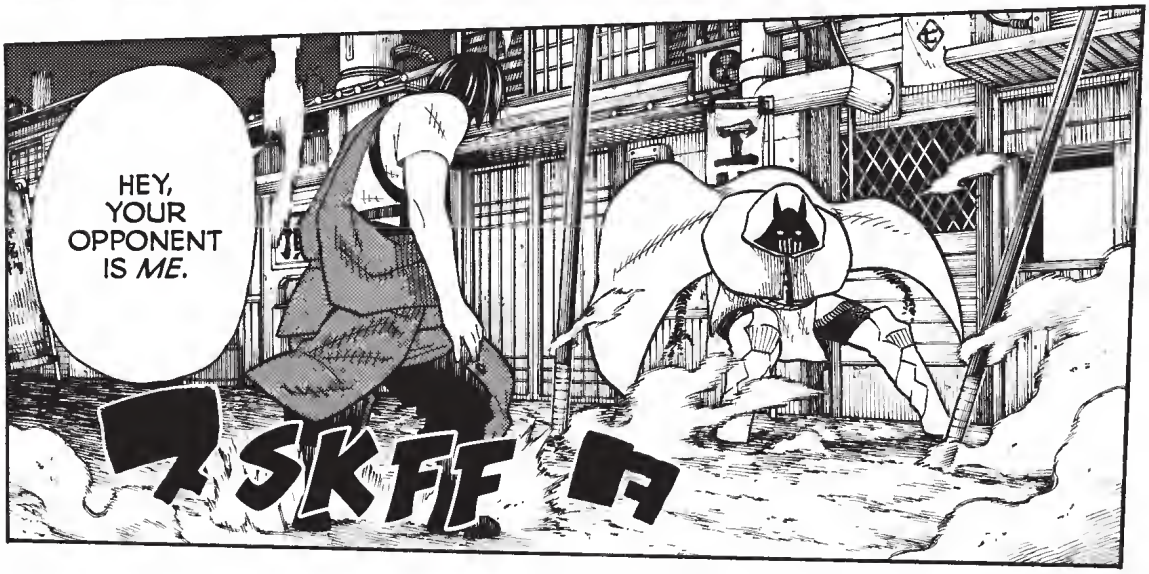

!!
ZWOH

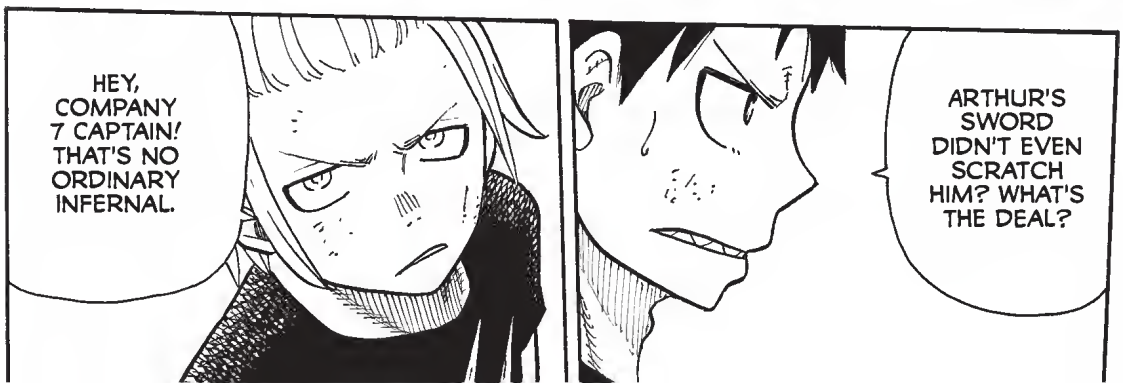
KA-FWOOM
WHOOOOM
WHOA !!


I NEED TO JUMP BACK, OR...
...HE COULD SNAP ME IN TWO!
KA-BOOM

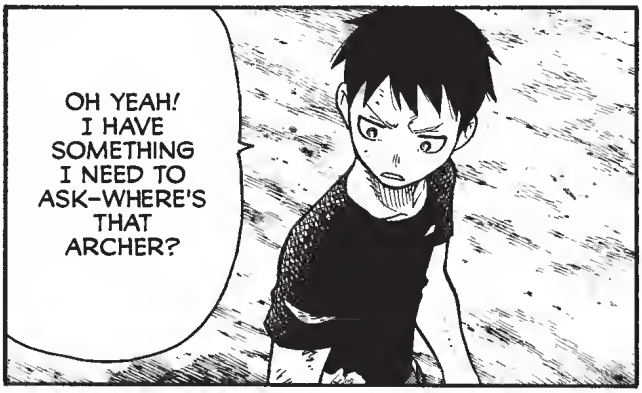
WHACK
LUNGE
I CAN'T CUT HIM!
GRGH
GRGH
GRGH
ZOOSH
NGH !!

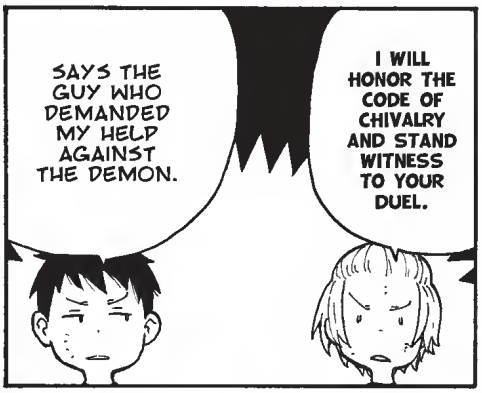
!!
FBA-!!
BOOM
!!
BAH !!

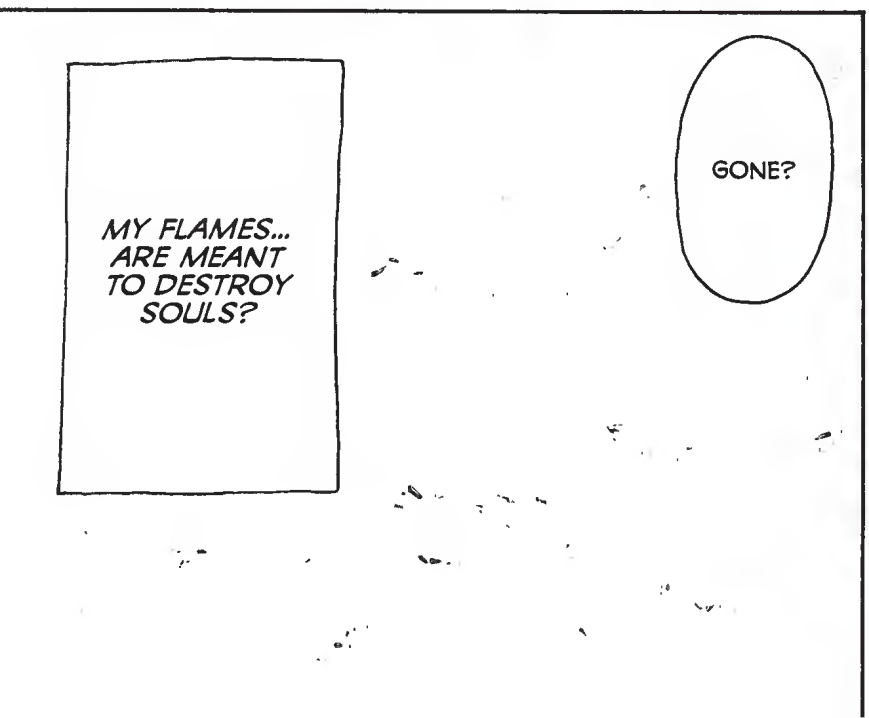

HEY, YOUR OPPONENT IS *ME*.


HEY, COMPANY 7 CAPTAIN! THAT'S NO ORDINARY INFERNAL.
ARTHUR'S SWORD DIDN'T EVEN SCRATCH HIM? WHAT'S THE DEAL?

A HORNED INFERNAL APPEARED IN ASAKUSA TWO YEARS AGO.
THAT'S HOW KONRO GOT HIS TEPHROSIS.
STAY OUT OF THIS. THIS IS MY FIGHT.

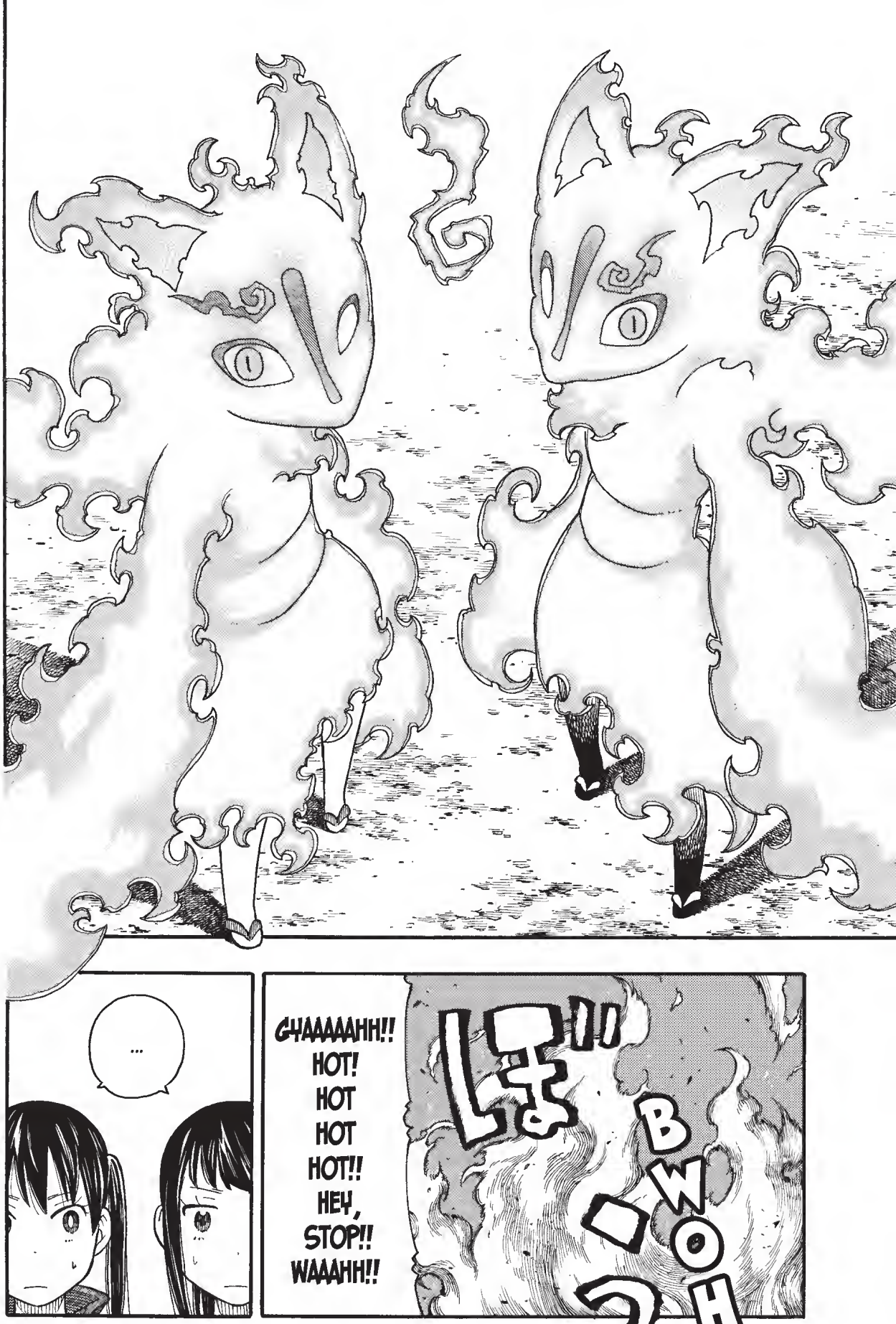

OH YEAH! I HAVE SOMETHING I NEED TO ASK-WHERE'S THAT ARCHER?


SAYS THE GUY WHO DEMANDED MY HELP AGAINST THE DEMON.
I WILL HONOR THE CODE OF CHIVALRY AND STAND WITNESS TO YOUR DUEL.


MY FLAMES... ARE MEANT TO DESTROY SOULS?
GONE?

HIKAGE !!
HIKAGE-CHAAAN!
HIKA !!
THAIR
OKAY, LET'S CHECK.
I THINK SHE'S OVER THERE...
!!
WAAAH !!
FWOOM

AFTER I KEPT IT A SECRET FROM HINA AND EVERYTHING!! SHE ISN'T GONNA LIKE THIS!!
PIECE OF TRASH!
SHE'S TOO MUCH FOR US!
BUT I GAVE YOU THE TREATS WE PROM-ISED!!
YOU SAID YOU'D GIVE ME TREATS IF I GAVE YOU MY KIMONO, AND YOU THINK *THIS* IS ENOUGH TO COVER IT?
URK! HINA!
!! わ YAY!
HIKAAA !!
UH-OH!
HEE HEE HEE.
!! SO THEY *ARE* THE BAD GUYS!
THE PIECE OF TRASH THAT CHANGED INTO YOU WAS FREAK-ING DISGUST-ING. LET'S BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF ALL OF 'EM.

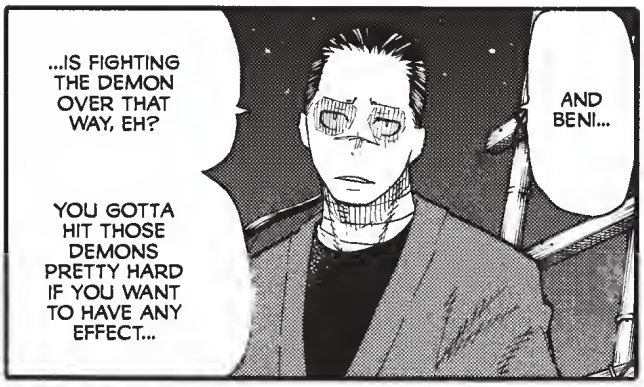

...
GYAAAAAHH!!
HOT!
HOT
HOT
HOT!!
HEY,
STOP!!
WAAAHH!!
BWOH

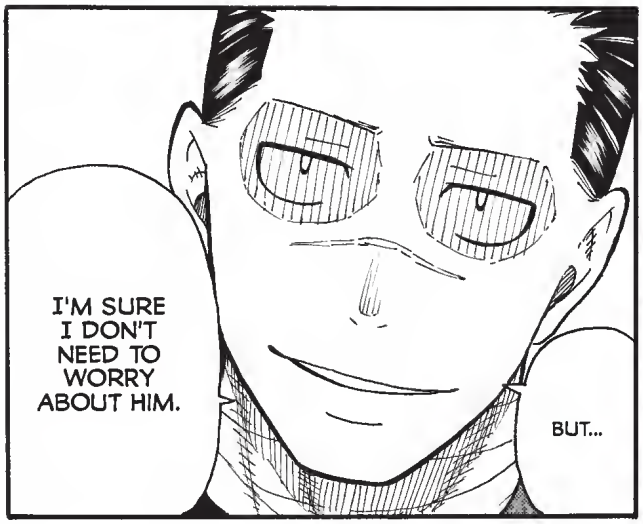
NAH, I BET YOU'RE THE IMPOS-TOR! ♪
YOU MUST BE AN IMPOS-TOR! ♪
HE... HE'S TOUGH!
TOO TOUGH...
WUH-OH!!
WOOO-HOO-OO!
HUFF, HUFF!!
I COULD SWEAR SOME OF THE REAL ONES ARE GETTING BEAT UP BY THE FAKES...
PLEASE DON'T.
YOU THINK WE SHOULD FIGHT EACH OTHER, TOO?
SEE HOW STRONG I AM?! DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME YOU LET ME INTO COM-PANY 7? ♡
BENI-CHAA-AAAA-AAAAN!!!

WHACK
SHUDDER
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
AND IT WASN'T 'CAUSE OF HIM.
GWAH
A CHILL JUST RAN DOWN MY SPINE...
BRR
BRR
BRR
THUD
WHIRL
PAH

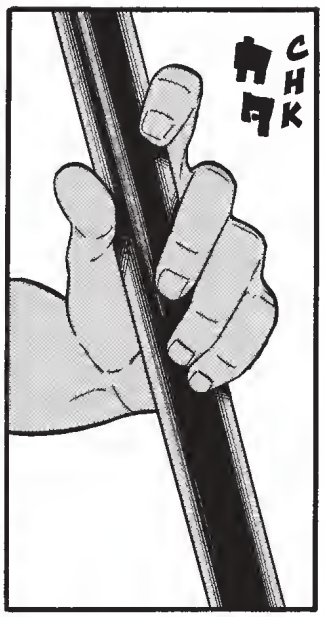
BWOHH
SKRR
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
GWHRL
BAM
BOOM

THIS OUGHT-TA...
SWOOSH
HE'S TAKING WHATEVER THE DEMON THROWS AT HIM
AND THROWING IT RIGHT BACK.
KA-
KLONG
!!
IF MY EXCALIBUR CAN'T CUT HIM, WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT HIM WITH A KARATE CHOP, STU-PID?!!
STING
YOU'RE A TOUGH NUT TO CRACK.
THAT HURT...
I AM AVENGING KONRO... SO I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU THE SAME WAY HE DID.
DOES THAT MEAN I'LL NEED JUST AS MUCH FIREPOW-ER?
TWO YEARS AGO, KONRO BLEW A GIANT HOLE IN THE GROUND.





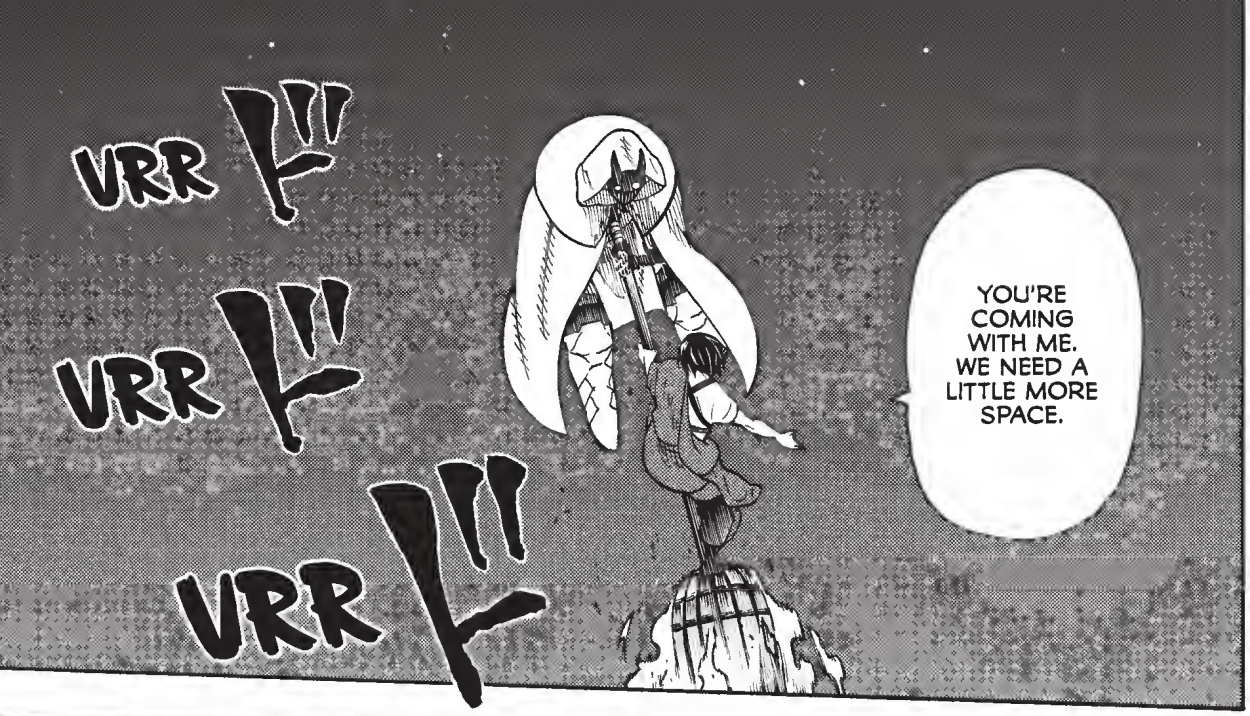
*A unit of measure a little shorter than two meters.



BOOM

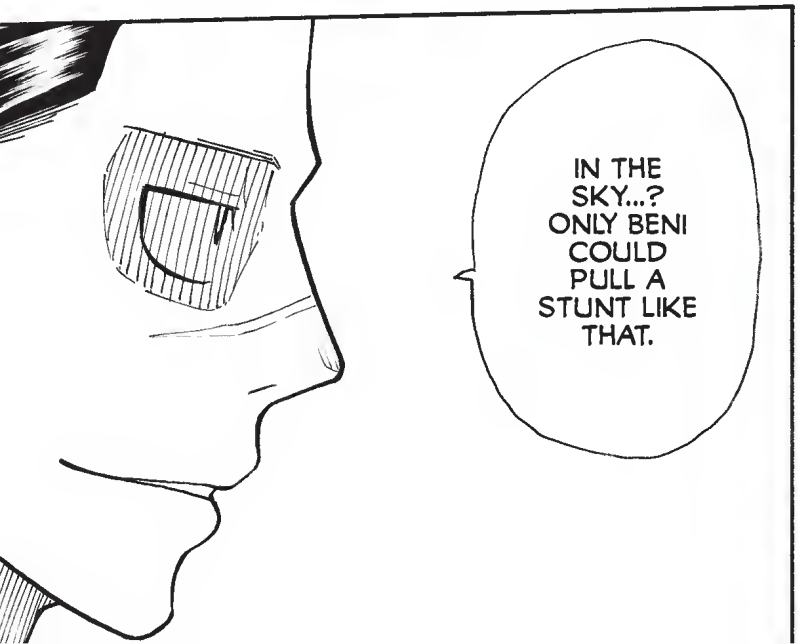
GZHNG

PIG
YYYY
GNN
GNN


VRR
VRR
VRR
YOU'RE COMING WITH ME. WE NEED A LITTLE MORE SPACE.

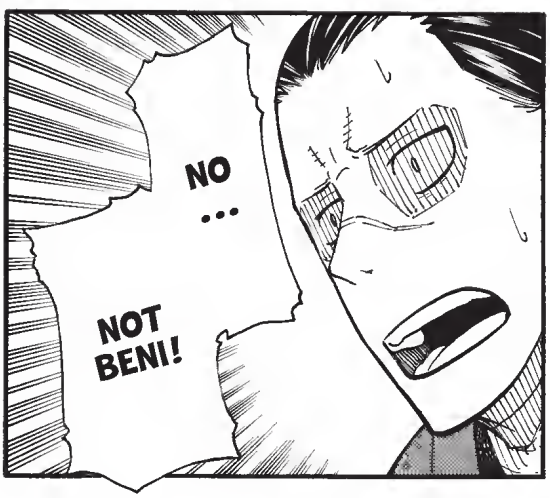
MY FLAMES ARE MEANT TO DESTROY SOULS?!
WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?! ADOLLA BURST? ADOLLA LINK?
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!!

DAMMIT ...
WHERE DID THAT ARCHER GO?


IN THE SKY...? ONLY BENI COULD PULL A STUNT LIKE THAT.

VRR
VRR
VRR
IT'S THE CAP-TAIN !!
WHAT THE ?!

!!
GLINT


NO
...
NOT
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GWING

I
DON'T
THINK
SO
!!
SHA-
BOW
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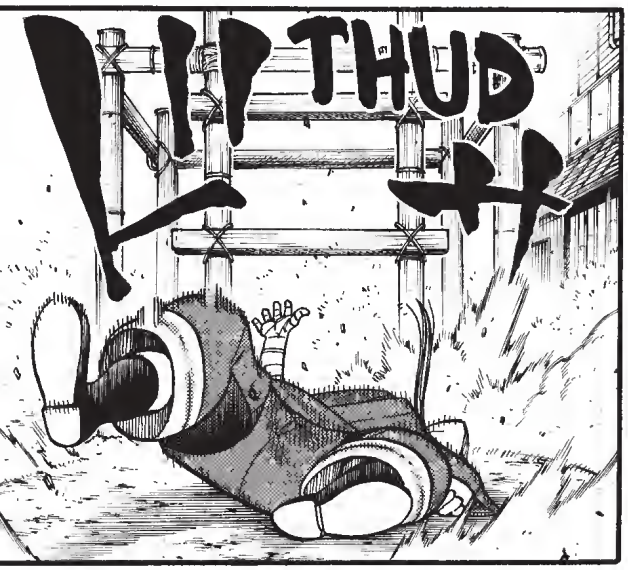
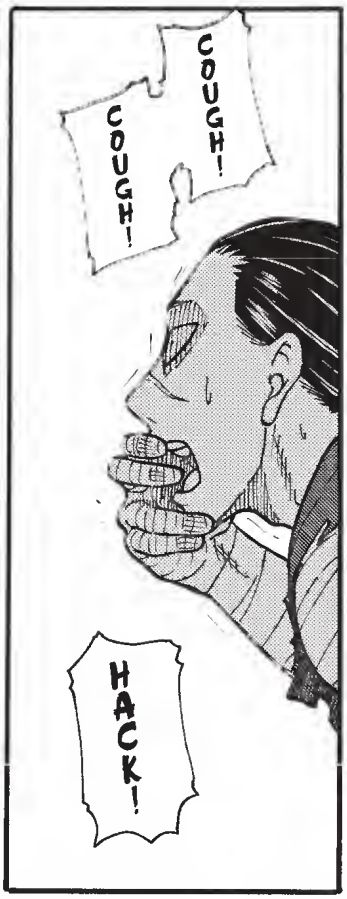
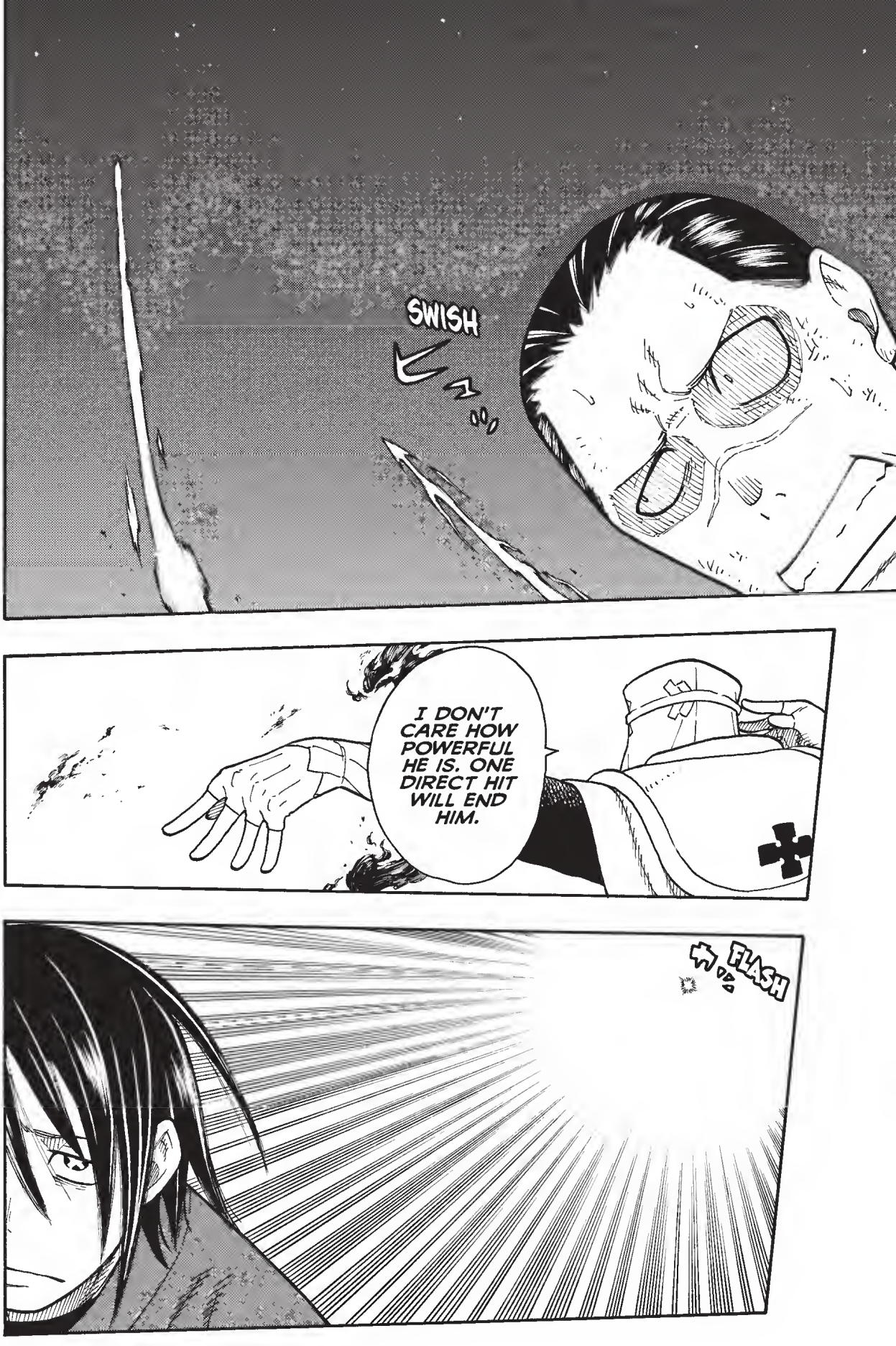
BOMP


!! THUD

THAK
THAK

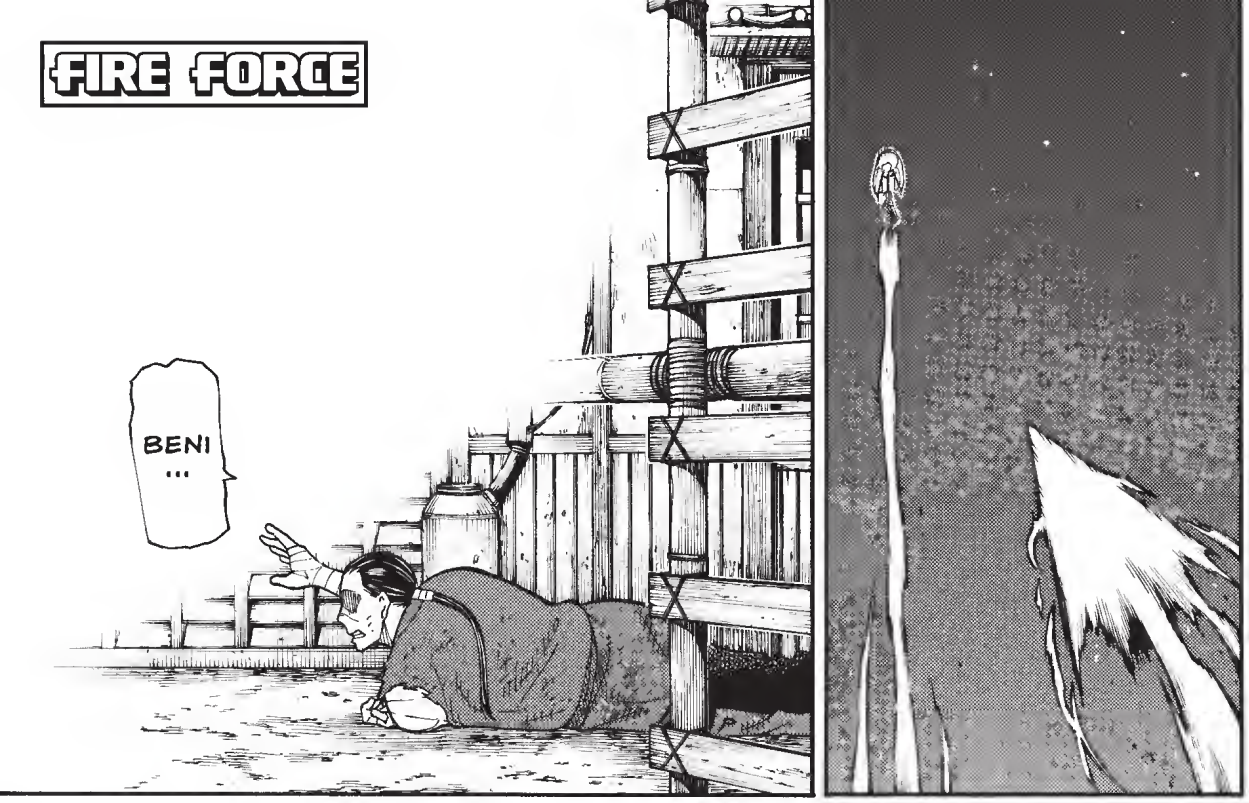

COUGH!
COUGH!
HACK!

COUGH!
COUGH!
LIEUTEN-
ANT
KONRO
!!


SWISH
I DON'T CARE HOW POWERFUL HE IS. ONE DIRECT HIT WILL END HIM.
FLASH

FIRE FORCE

FIRE FORCE


BENI
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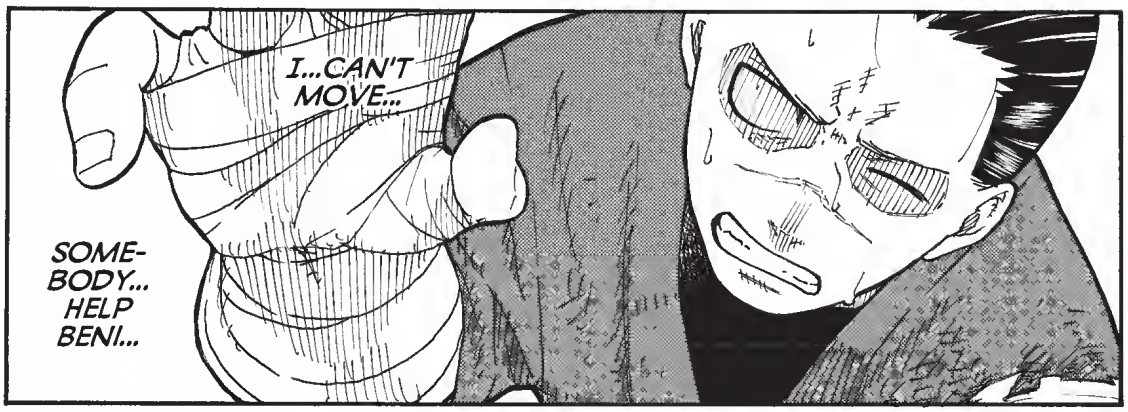
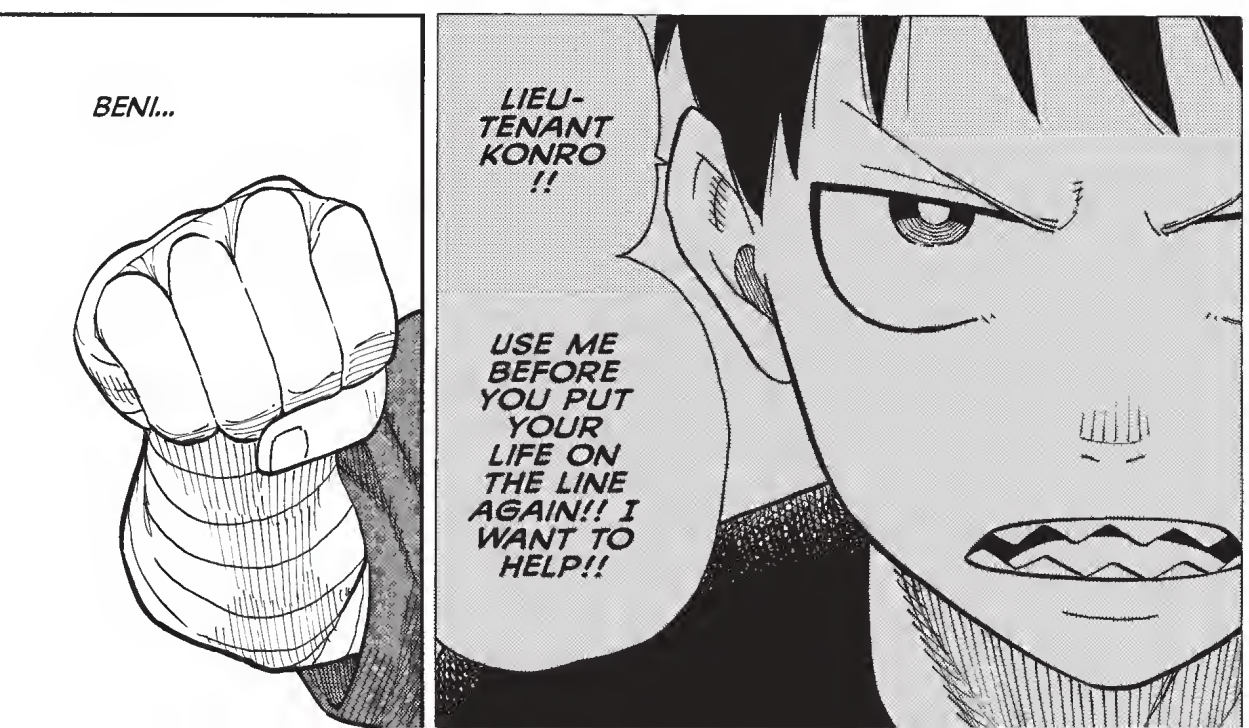
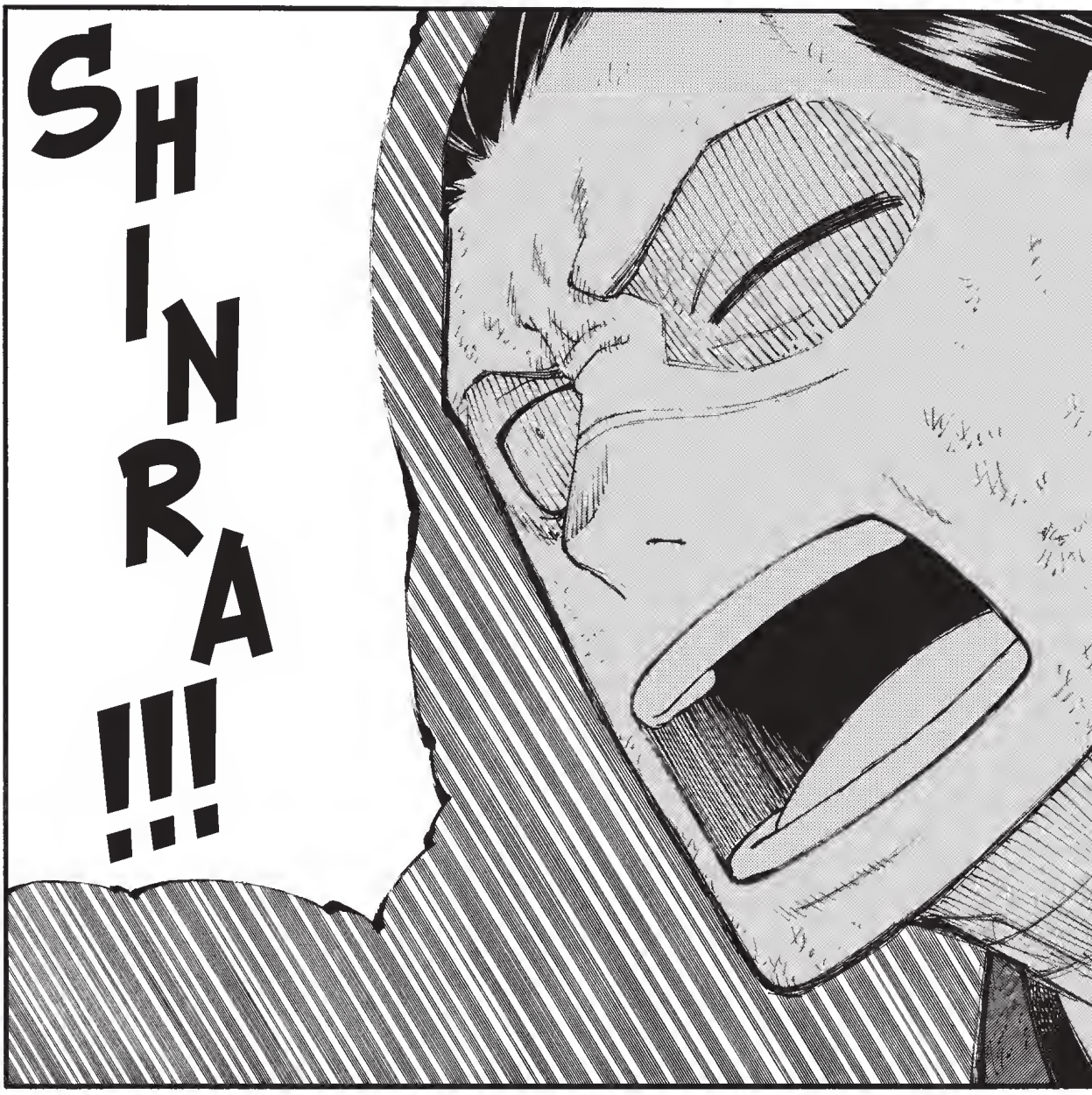
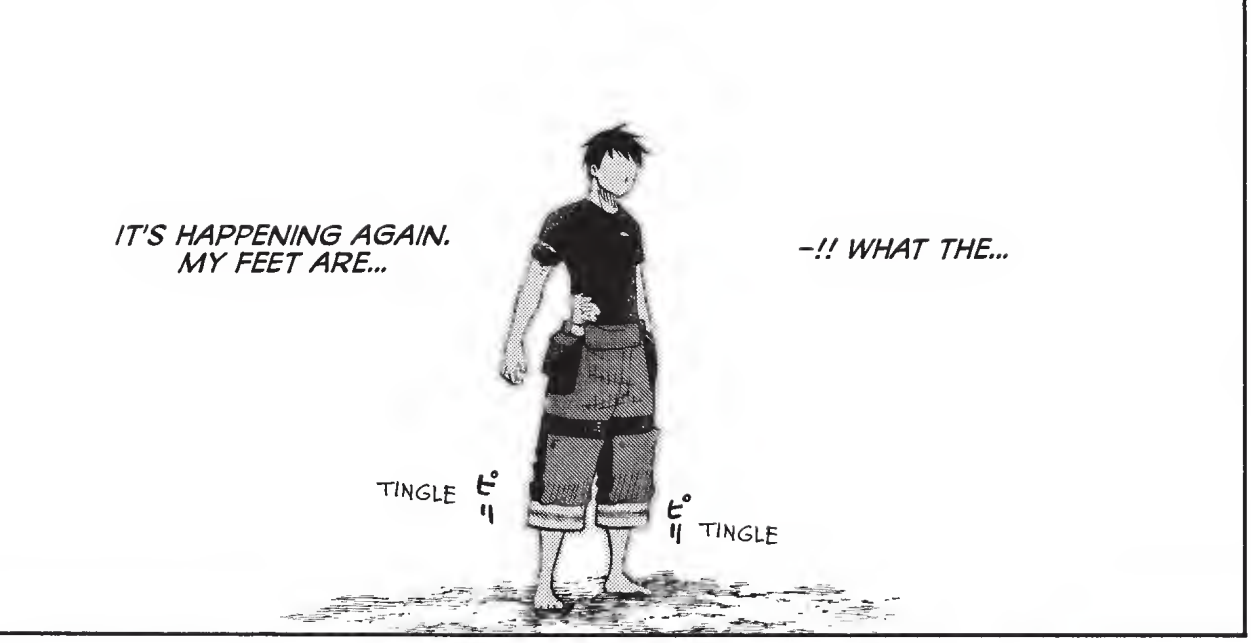

I...CAN'T MOVE...
SOME-BODY... HELP BENI...

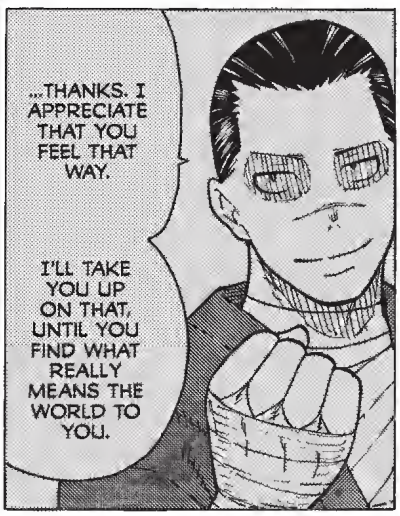

BENI...
LIEU-TENANT KONRO !!
USE ME BEFORE YOU PUT YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE AGAIN!! I WANT TO HELP!!



CHAPTER L: FOR WHOM THE FLAME BURNS


IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN. MY FEET ARE...
-!! WHAT THE...
TINGLE
TINGLE

LIEUTENANT KONRO...?


...THANKS. I APPRECIATE THAT YOU FEEL THAT WAY.
I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT, UNTIL YOU FIND WHAT REALLY MEANS THE WORLD TO YOU.

DOESN'T HE SEE IT?!
SHA-BWOH!!

THAT ARROW— IT'S HEADING FOR CAPTAIN SHINMON!!

!!

OH NO YOU DON'T !!
BOOM!!
HE'S MINE.
COME ON, COME ON!!
RRRUUUMMBLE

NNGAAAHHH!!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
THE DEVIL'S FOOT-PRINTS?!
GH-GH...
FLAP
FLAP
BOOM
HE CAUGHT UP TO MY ARROW.
S...SUCH SPEED...
...
BUT NO MATTER. IT'S STILL NOT POS-SIBLE TO STOP IT.

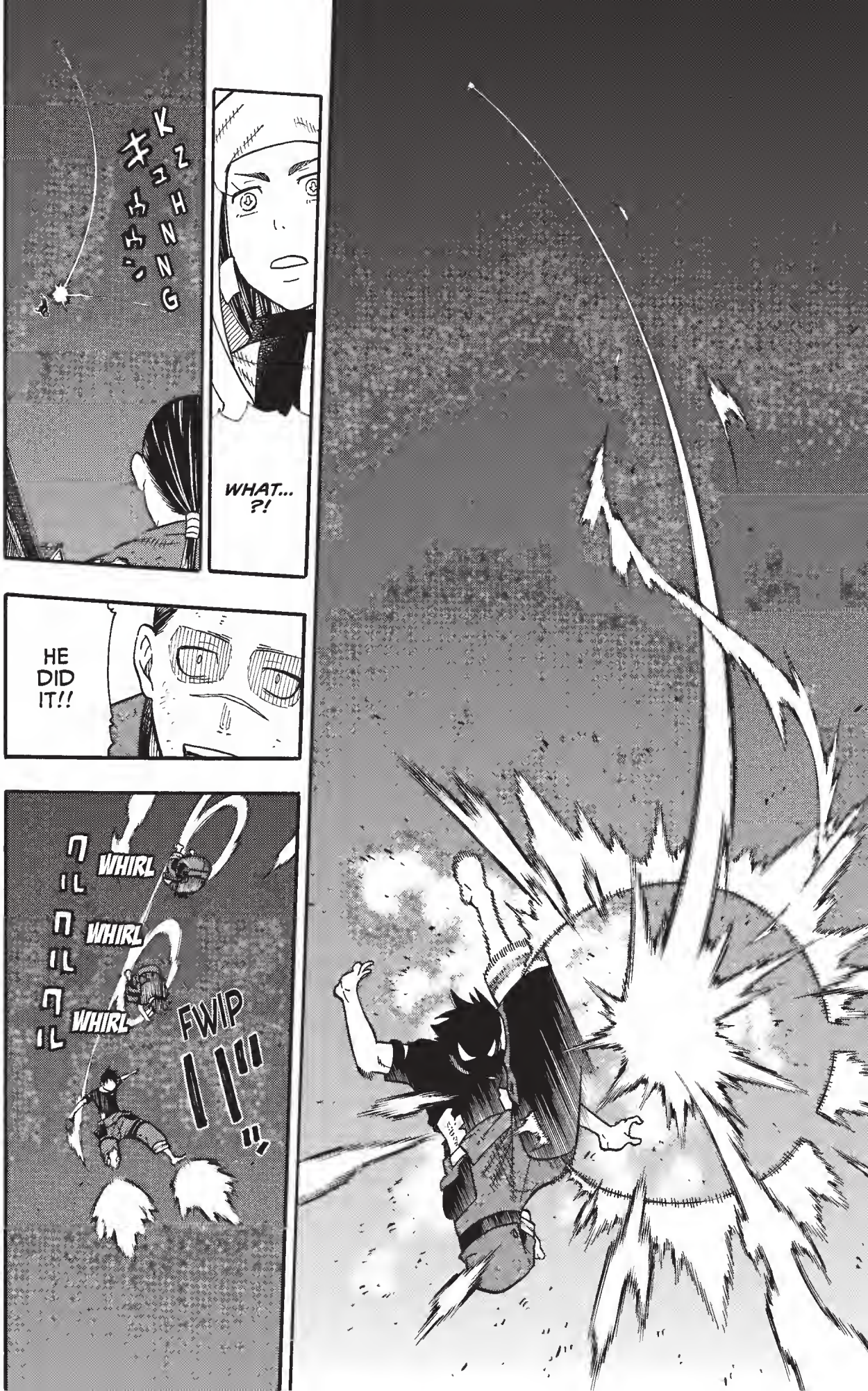
SHINRA!!
WHACK
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

THE WILL OF YOUR FLAME ISN'T ENOUGH TO DE-FLECT MY ARROW.
DAMMIT... IT WON'T BUDGE!
AUGHAAAAGH!
ギリ SIZZLE
ギリ SIZZLE
ギリ SIZZLE
DEVIL!! YOUR FLAMES ARE MEANT TO DESTROY SOULS!!
IT'S TRUE. YOU DON'T BELONG WITH THEM.
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.

MY FLAMES ARE MEANT TO PRO-TECT PEOPLE !!!

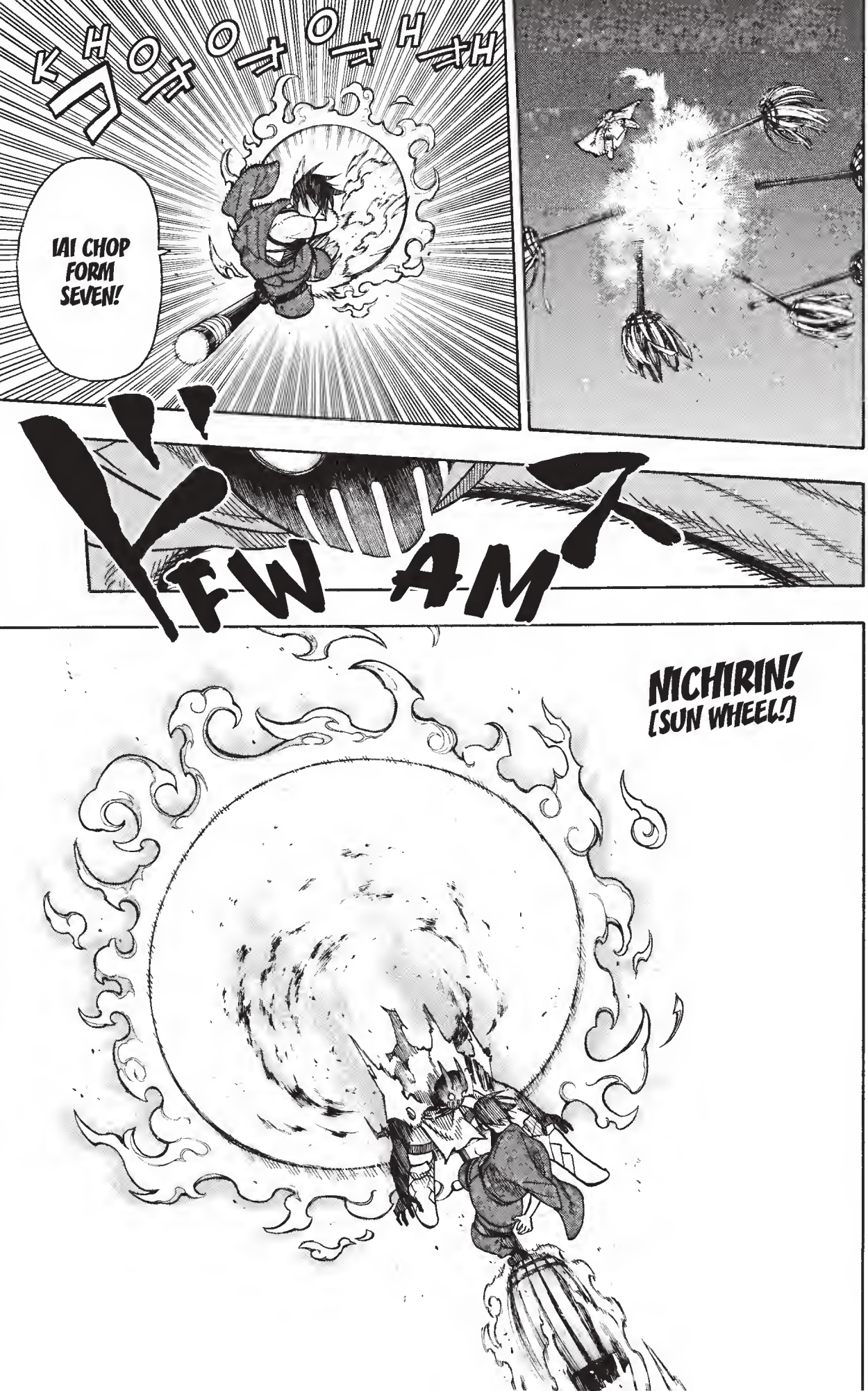
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
SHINRA...

YOU HOLD THE SAME ADOLLA BURST AS THE COMMANDER... YET YOU WOULD BECOME A TOOL OF THE UNWASHED MASSES?
JOIN US... BECOME A DEVIL. BURN THIS PLANET TO ASH.
PLEASE !!
!!
WHAT'S THAT?
AND I'M GOING TO PROVE IT!!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
MY FLAMES ARE GONNA MAKE ME A HERO—I'M GOING TO PROTECT EVERYONE!!
I'M KICK-IT-OFF-COURSE-NO-MATTER-WHAT MAN !!!
GRG
GRG
GRG

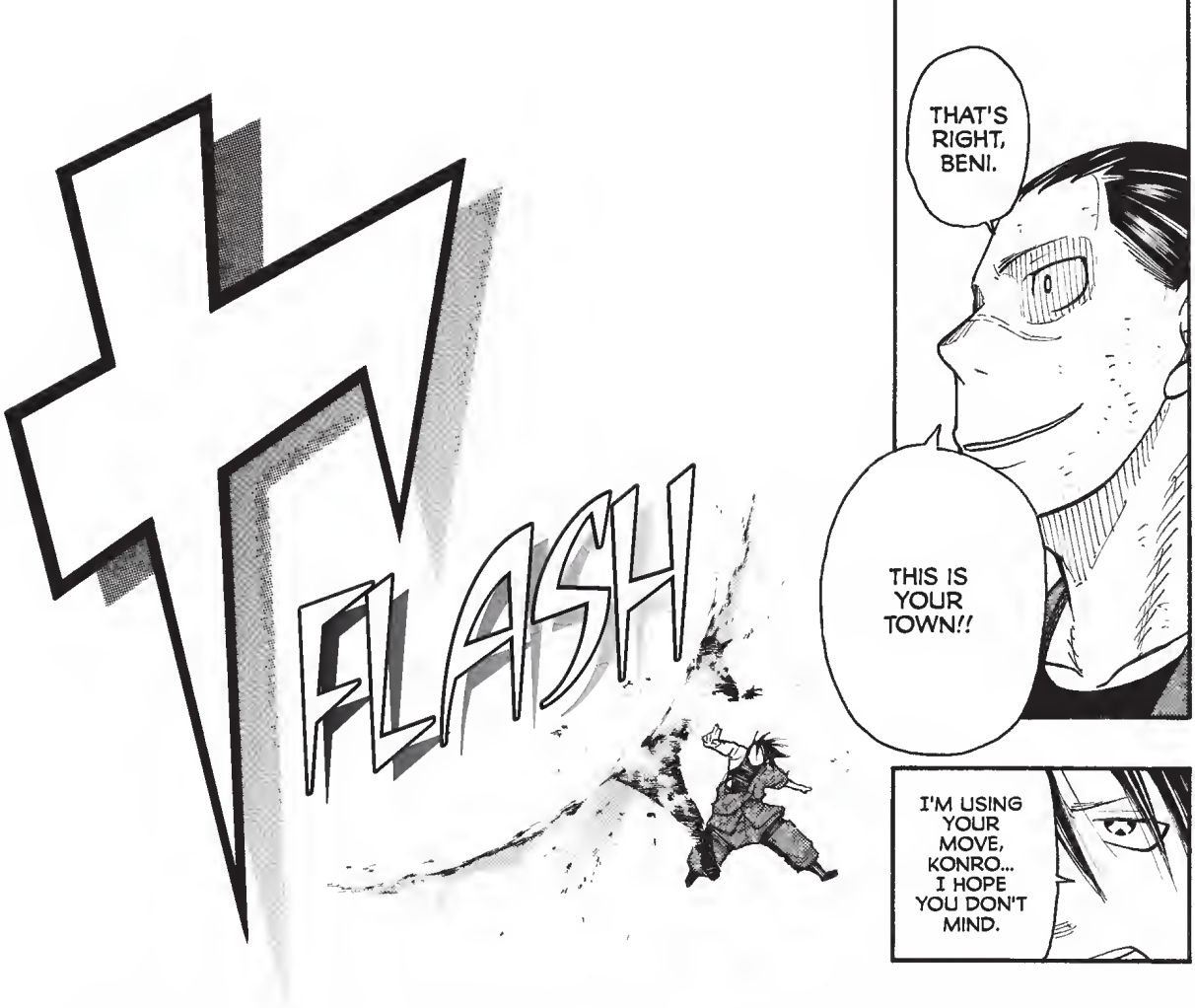

KZHNNG
WHAT...?!
HE DID IT!!
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
FWIP

CAP-
TAIN
SHIN-
MON!
I'LL
TAKE IT
FROM
HERE.
RRRUUMBLE
!!
I THINK
WE'RE
HIGH
ENOUGH.
GH
MOU
O

FWIP
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM


IAI CHOP FORM SEVEN!
FWAM
NICHIRIN! (SUN WHEEL!)

NOT ENOUGH, EH?
GUESS I'LL NEED KONRO-LEVEL FIREPOW-ER AFTER ALL.
GET 'IM, CAPTAIN !!
SAVE ASA-KUSA!!
GO !!
BENI !!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANY EVAN-GELIST OR WHITE COS-TUMES, BUT ASAKUSA IS MY TOWN!!
I'M NOT GONNA LET ANYBODY ELSE WALK AROUND LIKE THEY OWN THE PLACE!!


FLASH
THAT'S RIGHT, BENI.
THIS IS YOUR TOWN!!
I'M USING YOUR MOVE, KONRO... I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND.

THOSE FLAMES...

AKATSUKI.
[CRIMSON MOON.]

A RED MOON!! IS THAT BENI?!
OOOHH...!!
THAT EXPLOSION... WAS CAUSED BY ONE PERSON?
THAT'S SOME FIREPOWER...
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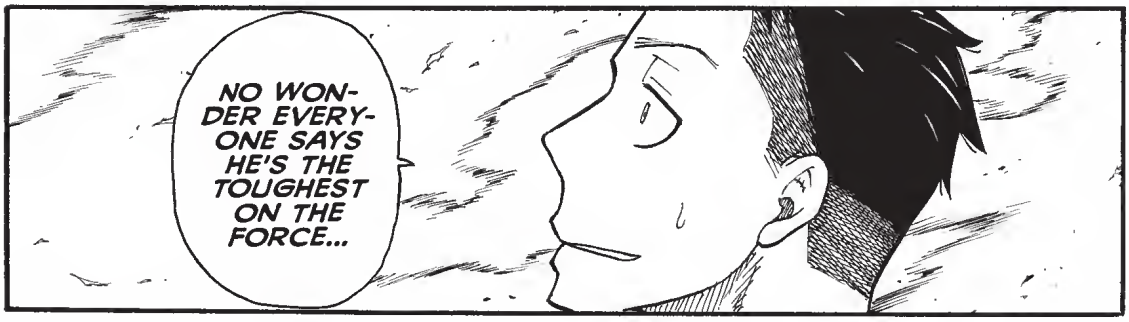
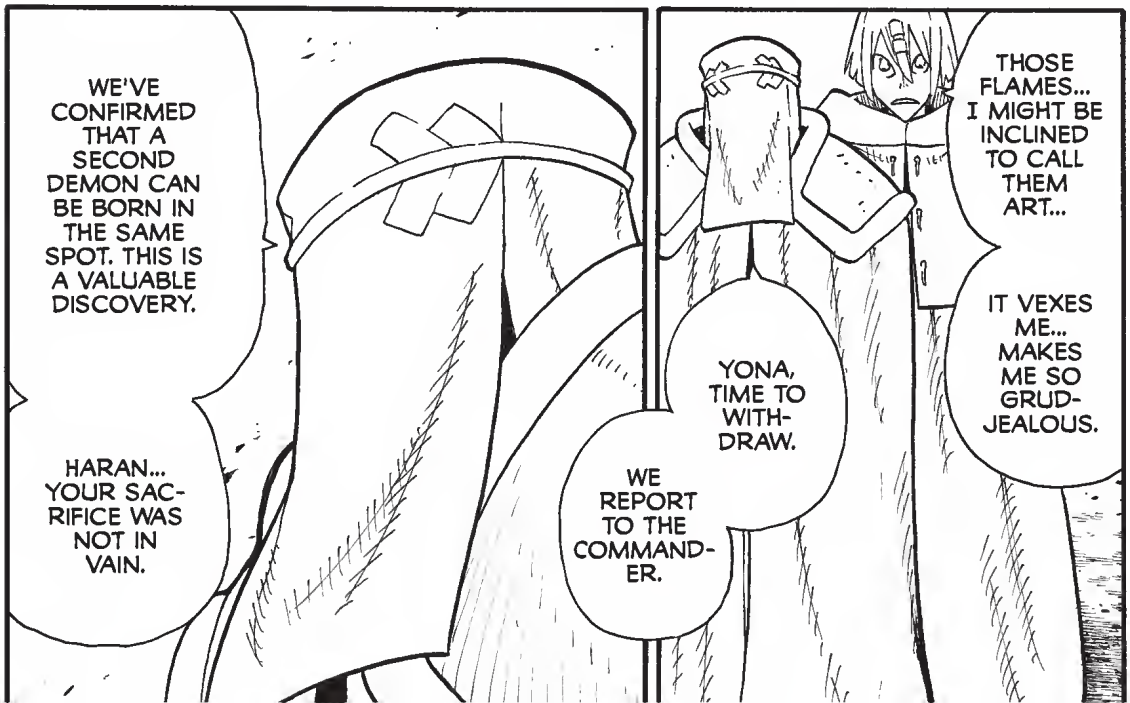

NO WONDER EVERYONE SAYS HE'S THE TOUGHEST ON THE FORCE...


WE'VE CONFIRMED THAT A SECOND DEMON CAN BE BORN IN THE SAME SPOT. THIS IS A VALUABLE DISCOVERY.
HARAN... YOUR SACRIFICE WAS NOT IN VAIN.
YONA, TIME TO WITHDRAW.
WE REPORT TO THE COMMANDER.
THOSE FLAMES... I MIGHT BE INCLINED TO CALL THEM ART...
IT VEXES ME... MAKES ME SO GRUDJEALOUS.

UH...
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WHOA...
...
CATCH ME.
WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T PUT ME DOWN THERE.
UHHH...
SEE! BENI-CHAN!! I DESTROYED THEM ALL!! MY LOVE FOR YOU IS REAL!!
HE'S SCARY.
I USED TOO MANY FIRE-WORKS. NOW I'M OVER-HEATING.
JUST A-!!
GRNK

GOOD WORK.
WE'LL HAVE TO THANK COMPANY 8, TOO.
LIEUTENANT KONRO, WE'VE PUT OUT ALL THE FIRES IN TOWN. AND THE INFERNALS HAVE ALL BEEN PUT TO REST.
ESPECIALLY SHINRA.
SHUDDER
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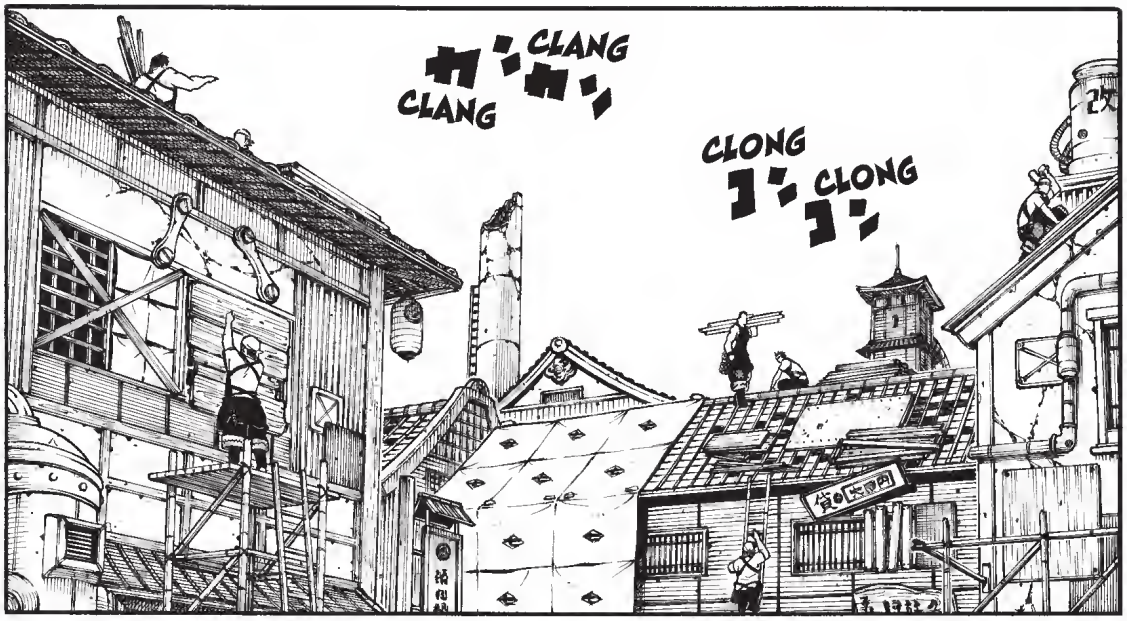
HOW ABOUT HERE, SIR?

FIRE FORCE

CHAPTER LI: WINE CUPS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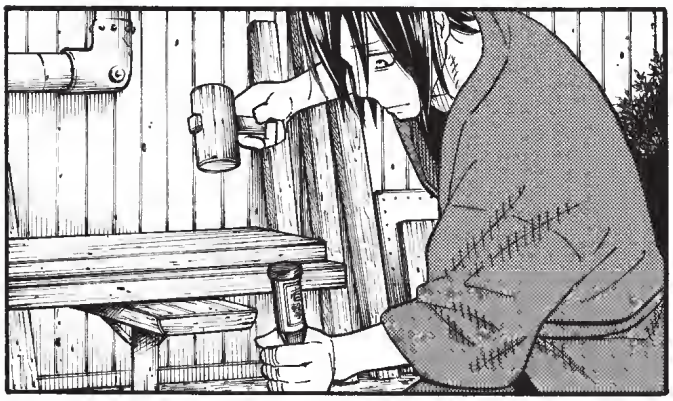
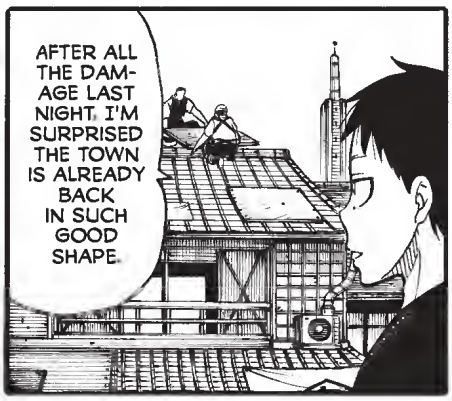
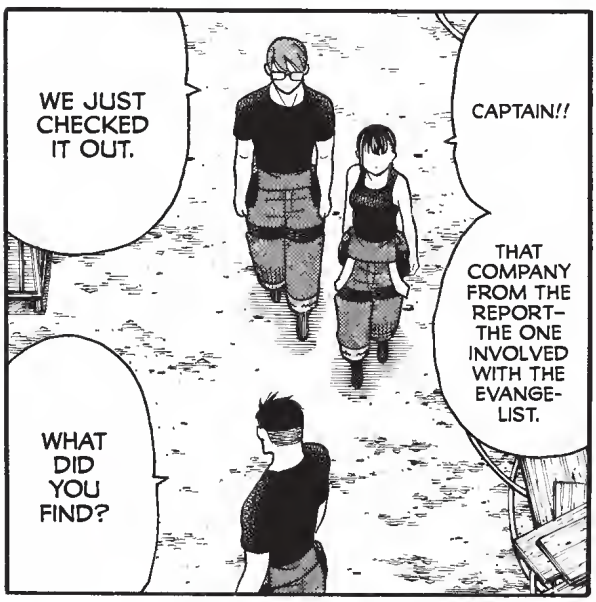
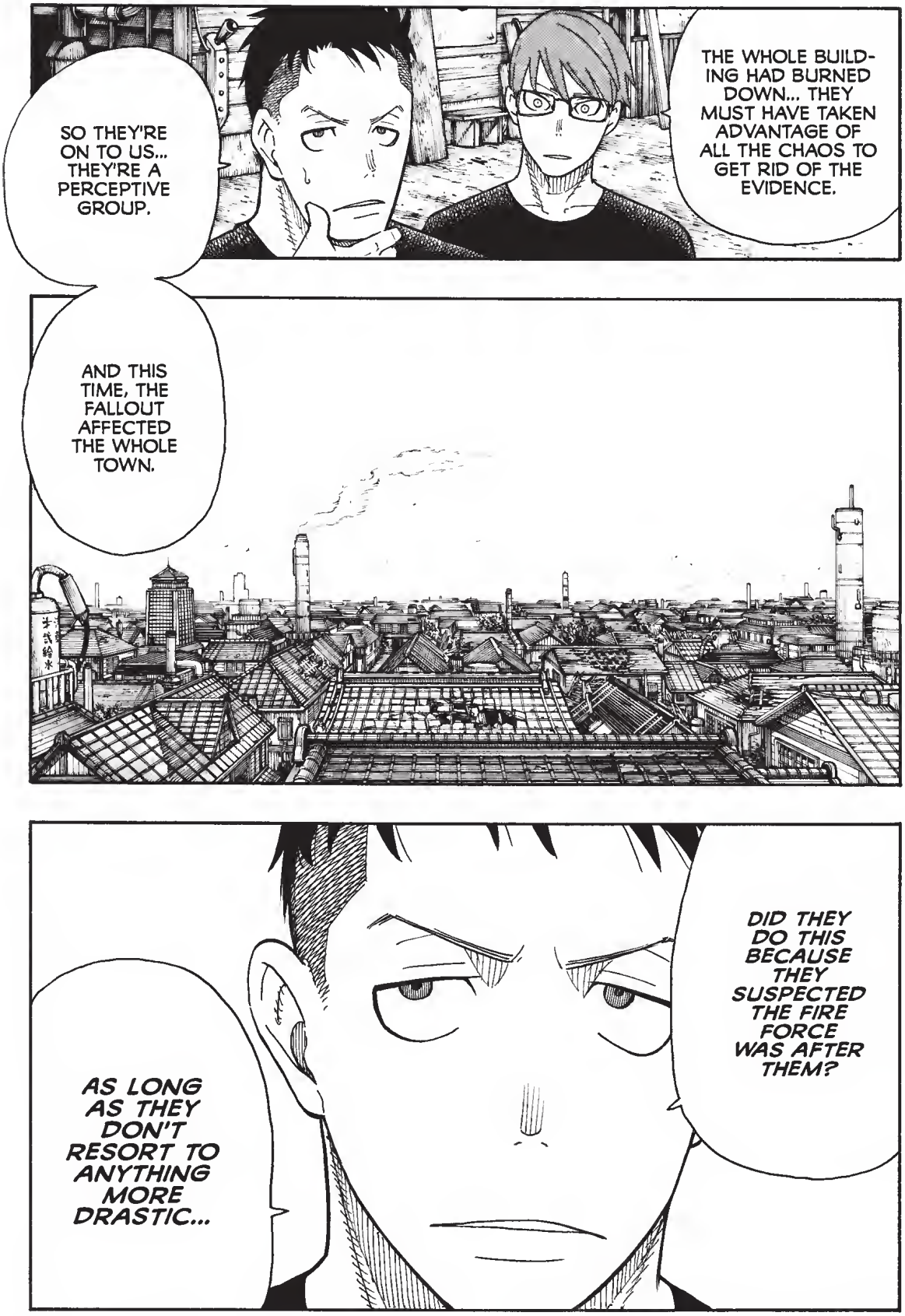


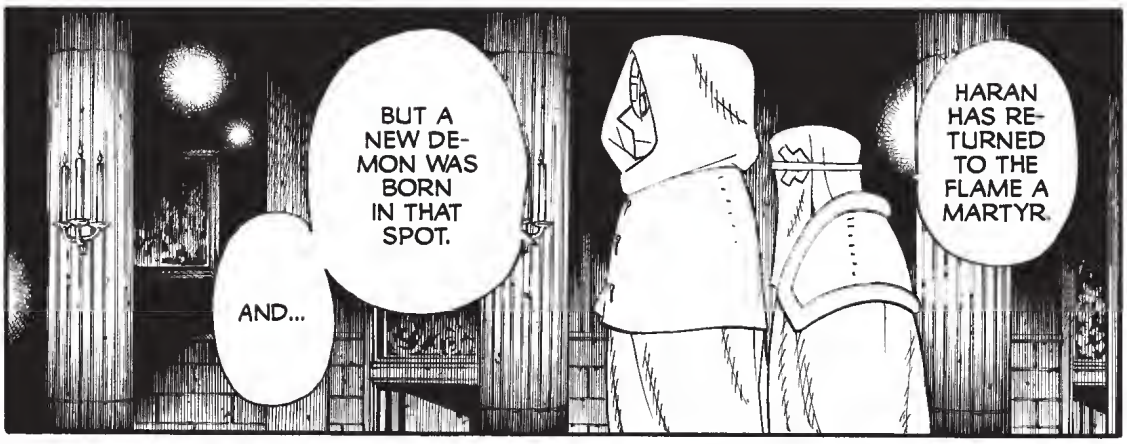

AFTER ALL THE DAMAGE LAST NIGHT, I'M SURPRISED THE TOWN IS ALREADY BACK IN SUCH GOOD SHAPE.

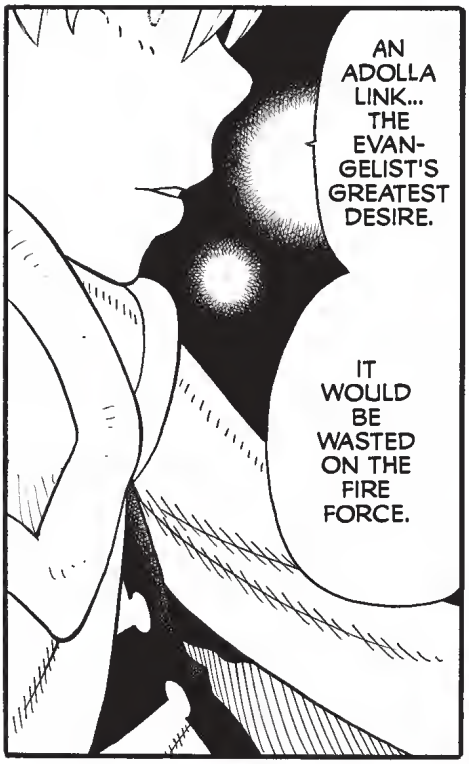

WE JUST CHECKED IT OUT.
CAPTAIN!!
THAT COMPANY FROM THE REPORT– THE ONE INVOLVED WITH THE EVANGELIST.
WHAT DID YOU FIND?

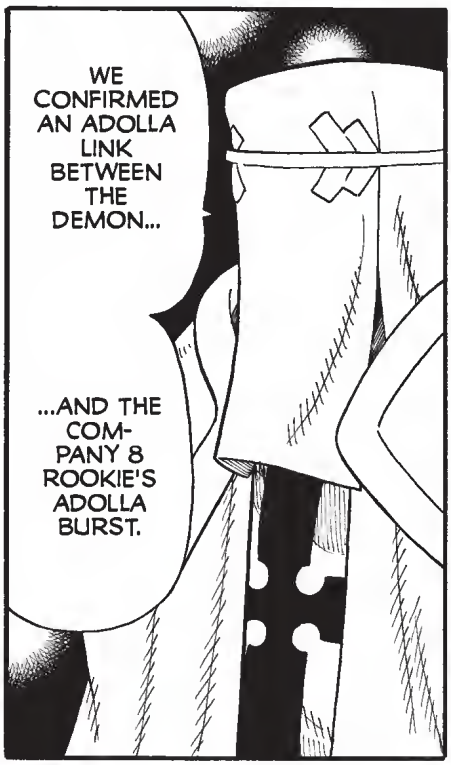
THE TOWN WOULDN'T LOVE THEIR DESTROYER SO MUCH IF ALL HE EVER DID WAS DESTROY.

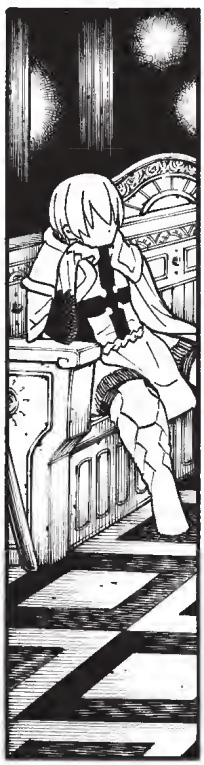

THE WHOLE BUILDING HAD BURNED DOWN... THEY MUST HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE CHAOS TO GET RID OF THE EVIDENCE.
SO THEY'RE ON TO US... THEY'RE A PERCEPTIVE GROUP.
AND THIS TIME, THE FALLOUT AFFECTED THE WHOLE TOWN.
DID THEY DO THIS BECAUSE THEY SUSPECTED THE FIRE FORCE WAS AFTER THEM?
AS LONG AS THEY DON'T RESORT TO ANYTHING MORE DRASTIC...

CONTINUE IN THE EVANGELIST'S REVEALED PATH... LÁTOM...
TURN THIS PLANET TO A FLAMING SUN, A THRONE OF GOD...
LIGHT UP THE LOST SOULS... SCORCH THE EARTH...


AND...
BUT A NEW DEMON WAS BORN IN THAT SPOT.
HARAN HAS RETURNED TO THE FLAME A MARTYR.

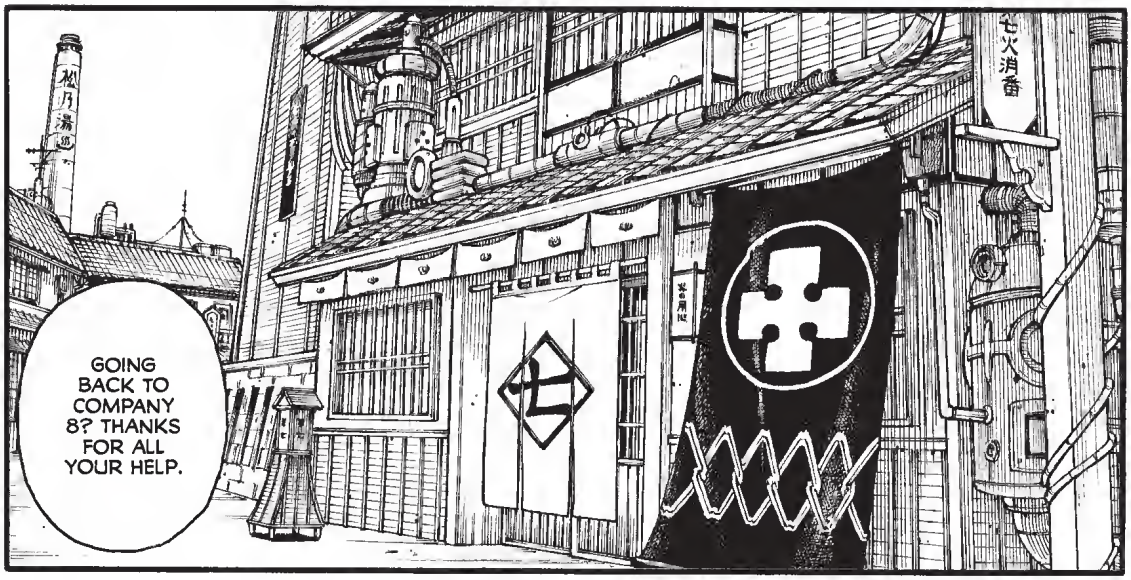

AN ADOLLA LINK... THE EVANGELIST'S GREATEST DESIRE.
IT WOULD BE WASTED ON THE FIRE FORCE.

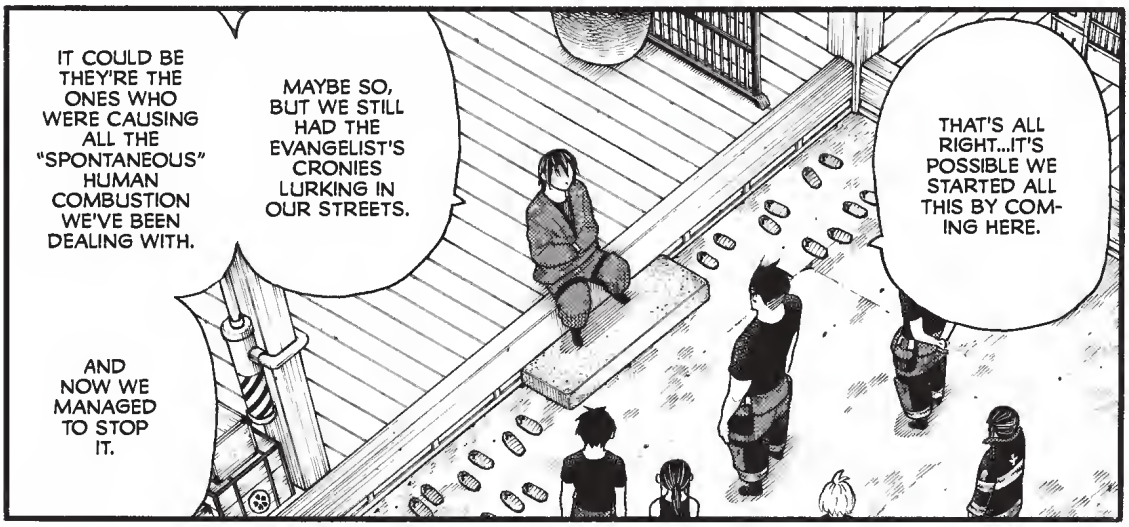

WE CONFIRMED AN ADOLLA LINK BETWEEN THE DEMON...
...AND THE COMPANY 8 ROOKIE'S ADOLLA BURST.

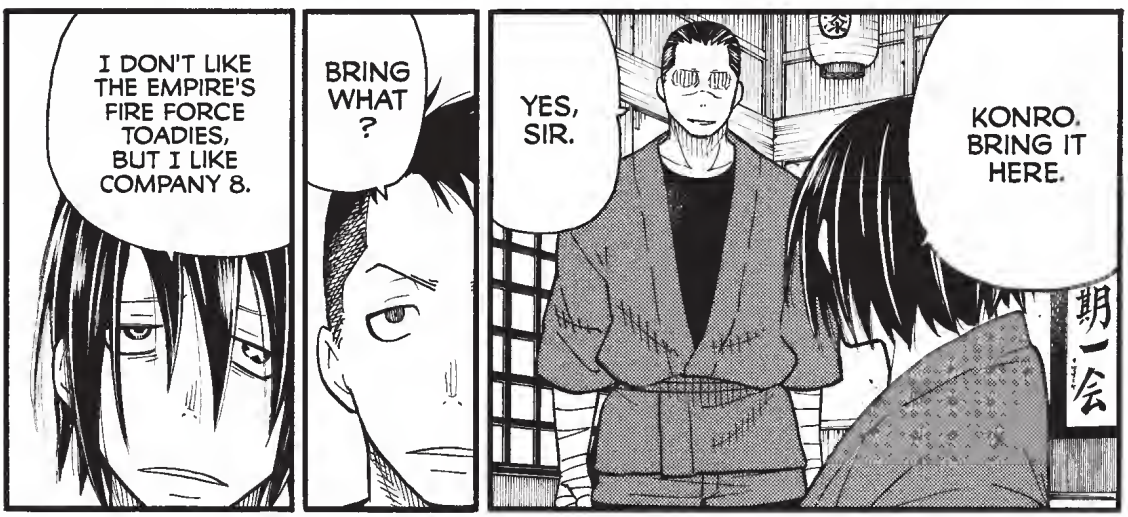


IT MIGHT ALSO LINK TO...

NEXT TIME, I'LL GO WITH YOU.


GOING BACK TO COMPANY 8? THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP.


IT COULD BE THEY'RE THE ONES WHO WERE CAUSING ALL THE "SPONTANEOUS" HUMAN COMBUSTION WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH.
MAYBE SO, BUT WE STILL HAD THE EVANGELIST'S CRONIES LURKING IN OUR STREETS.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT...IT'S POSSIBLE WE STARTED ALL THIS BY COMING HERE.
AND NOW WE MANAGED TO STOP IT.


I DON'T LIKE THE EMPIRE'S FIRE FORCE TOADIES, BUT I LIKE COMPANY 8.
BRING WHAT?
YES, SIR.
KONRO. BRING IT HERE.

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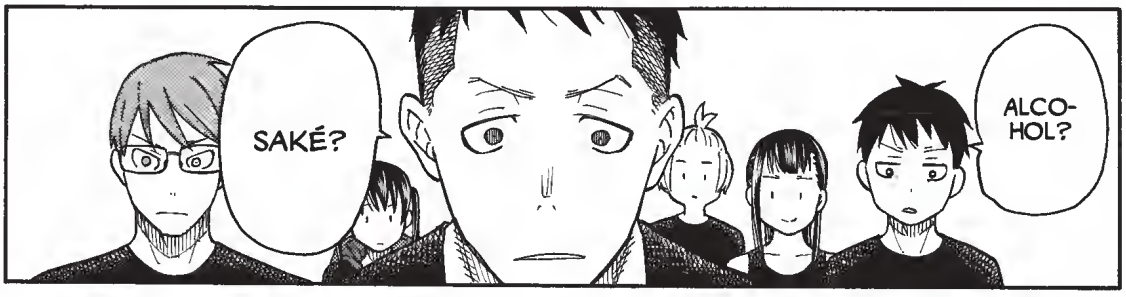
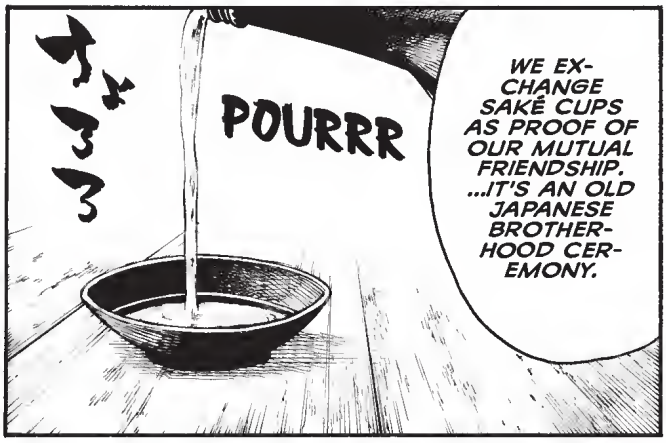

SAKÉ?
ALCO-HOL?

SFF
YOU DON'T LIKE SAKÉ?
I LOVE IT!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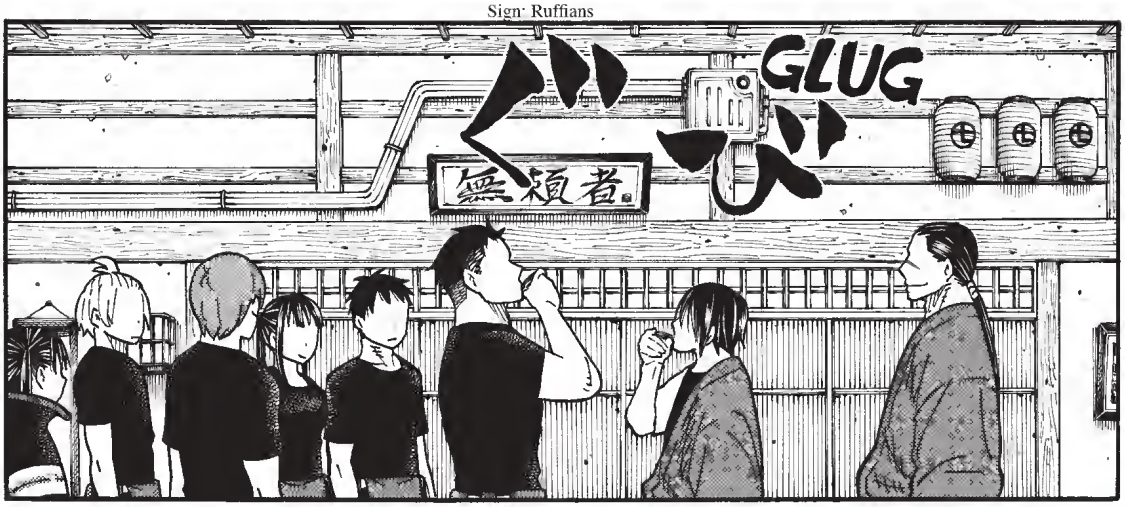
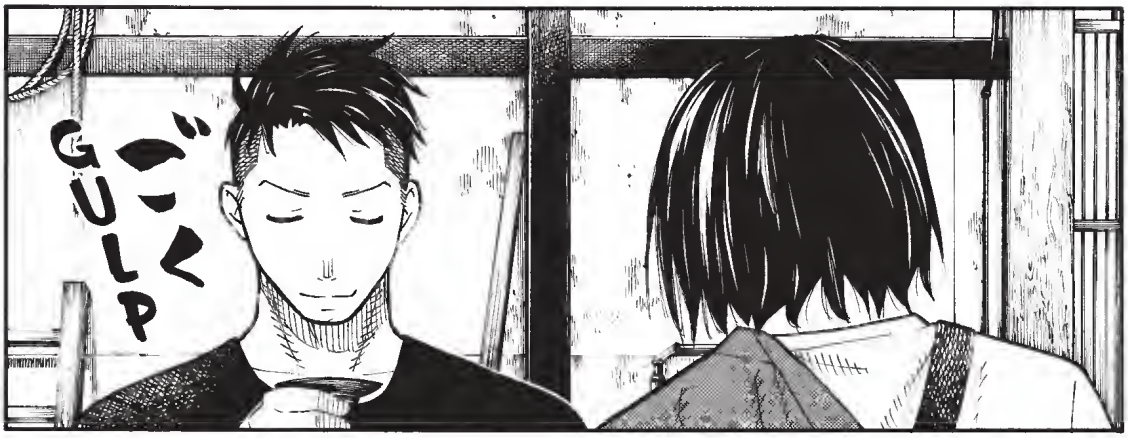
WE EX-CHANGE SAKÉ CUPS AS PROOF OF OUR MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP. ...IT'S AN OLD JAPANESE BROTHER-HOOD CER-EMONY.

Sign: Ruffians

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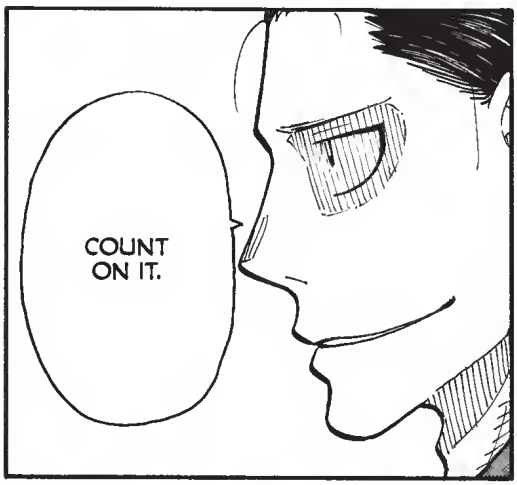
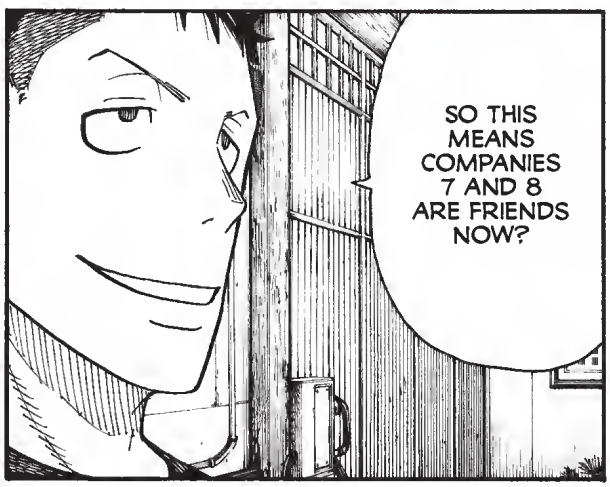
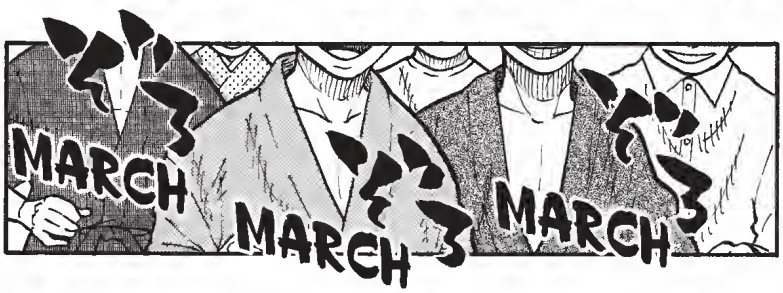

COUNT ON IT.


SO THIS MEANS COMPANIES 7 AND 8 ARE FRIENDS NOW?

PIPE DOWN.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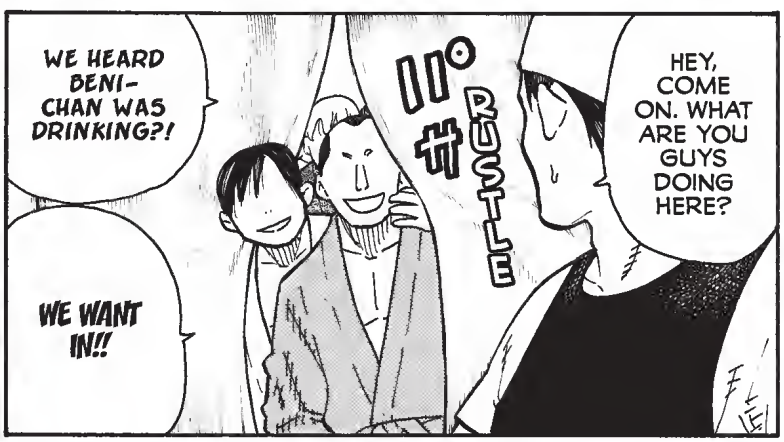
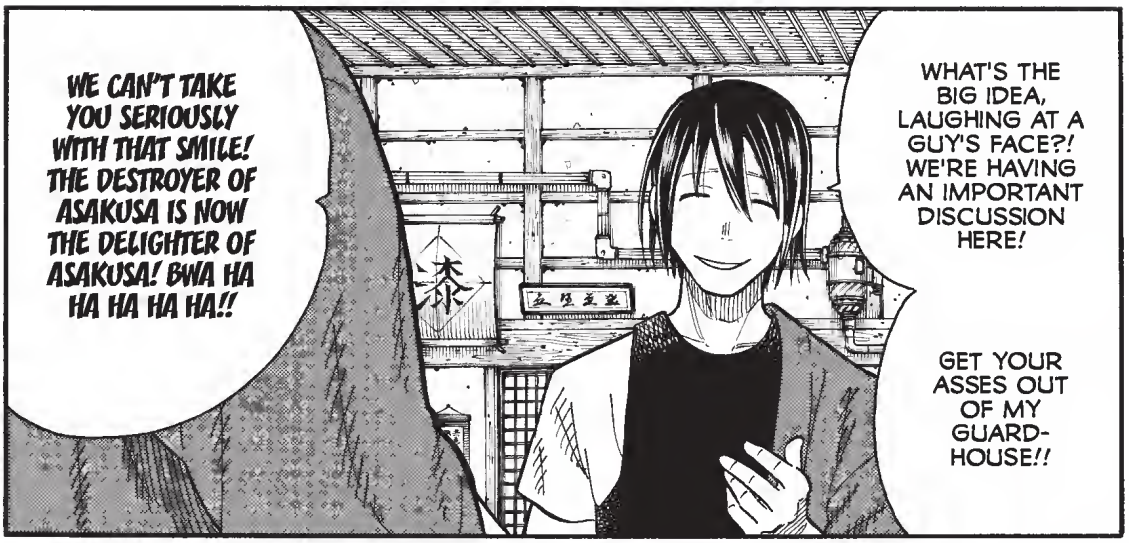
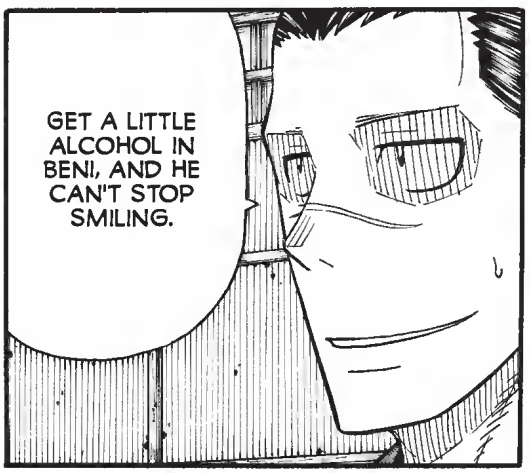
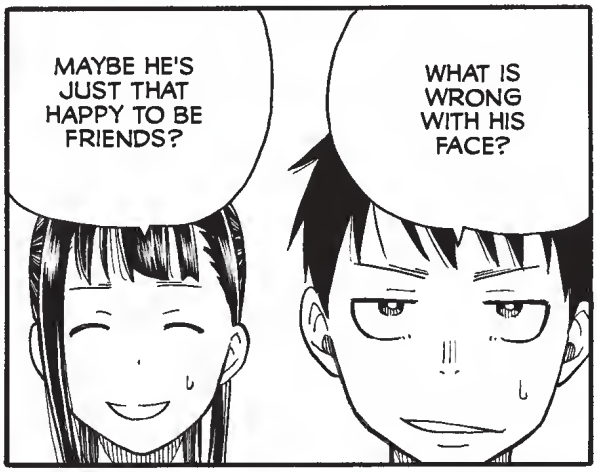
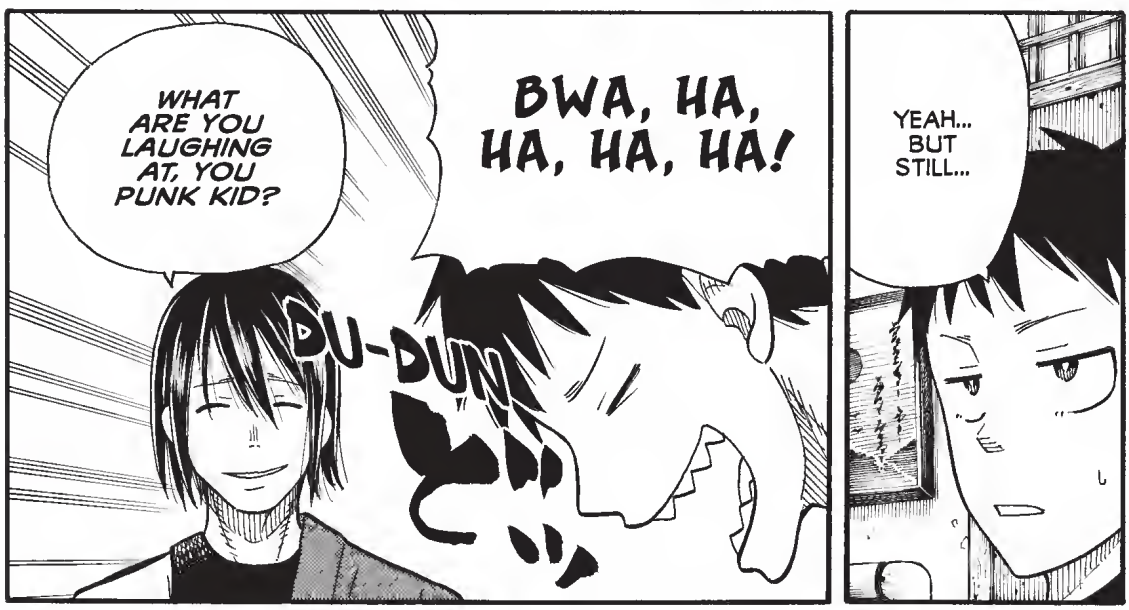

WE HEARD DENI-CHAN WAS DRINKING?!
WE WANT IN!!
HEY, COME ON. WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?
RUSH

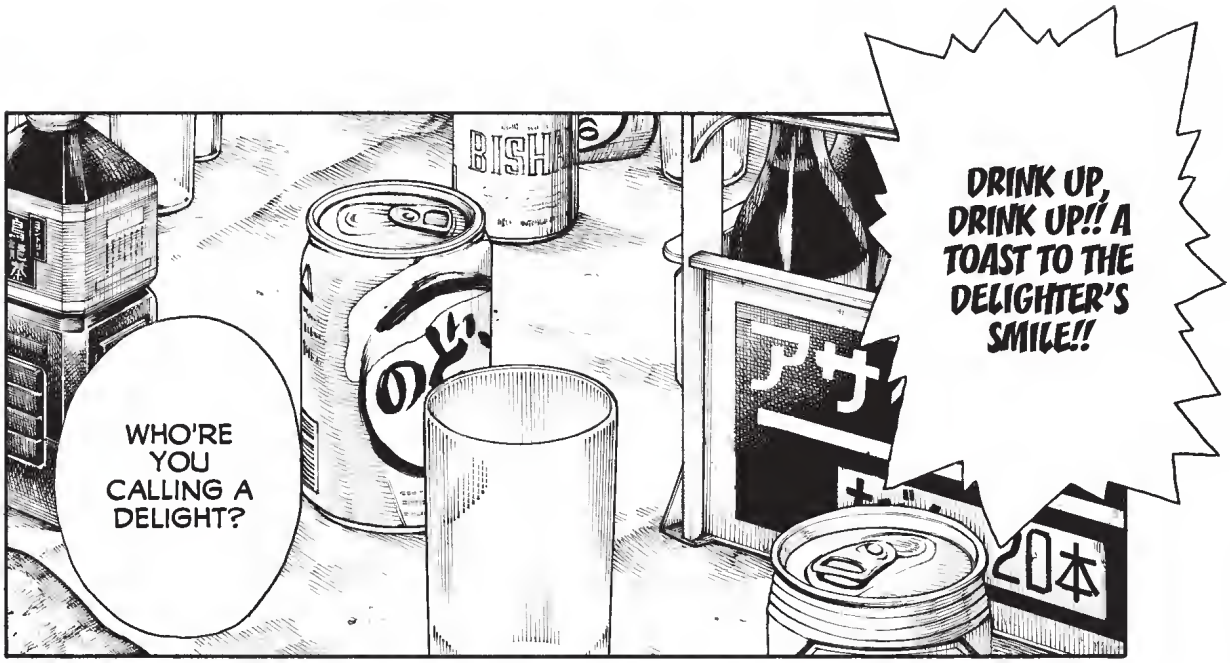
GRIN
AH ?!
I'LL NEVER GET TIRED OF SEEING BEM'S FACE LIKE THAT!
AH HA! AH HA HA HA!!
AH HA HA HA HA HA!
AH HA HA HA HA HA!
WHAT ?!
THAT'S THE FRIENDLIEST SMILE I'VE EVER SEEN...


WE CAN'T TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY WITH THAT SMILE! THE DESTROYER OF ASAKUSA IS NOW THE DELIGHTER OF ASAKUSA! BWA HA HA HA HA HA!!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, LAUGHING AT A GUY'S FACE?! WE'RE HAVING AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION HERE!
GET YOUR ASSES OUT OF MY GUARD-HOUSE!!

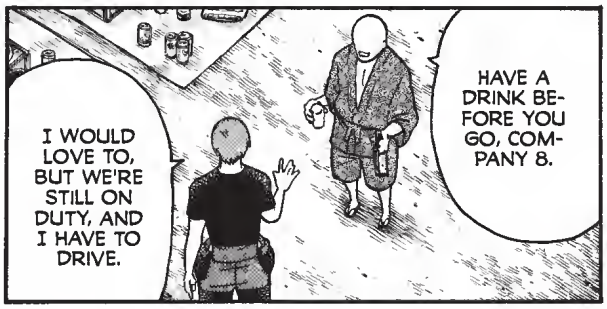

GET A LITTLE ALCOHOL IN BENI, AND HE CAN'T STOP SMILING.

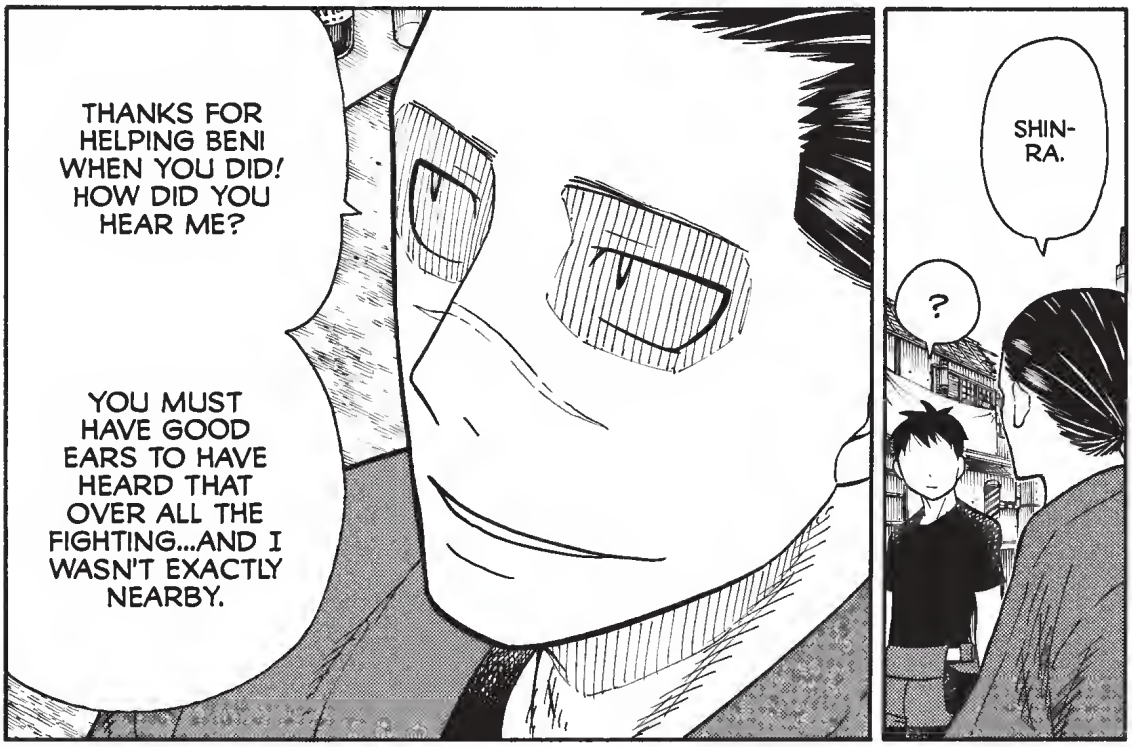

MAYBE HE'S JUST THAT HAPPY TO BE FRIENDS?
WHAT IS WRONG WITH HIS FACE?


WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT, YOU PUNK KID?
BWA, HA, HA, HA, HA!
DU-DUN
YEAH... BUT STILL...


WHO'RE YOU CALLING A DELIGHT?
DRINK UP, DRINK UP!! A TOAST TO THE DELIGHTER'S SMILE!!

WE'LL COME VISIT AGAIN SOMETIME.
YOU DO THAT— WE'LL BE WAITING!


HAVE A DRINK BEFORE YOU GO, COMPANY 8.
I WOULD LOVE TO, BUT WE'RE STILL ON DUTY, AND I HAVE TO DRIVE.


THANKS FOR HELPING BEN! WHEN YOU DID! HOW DID YOU HEAR ME?
YOU MUST HAVE GOOD EARS TO HAVE HEARD THAT OVER ALL THE FIGHTING...AND I WASN'T EXACTLY NEARBY.
SHIN-RA.
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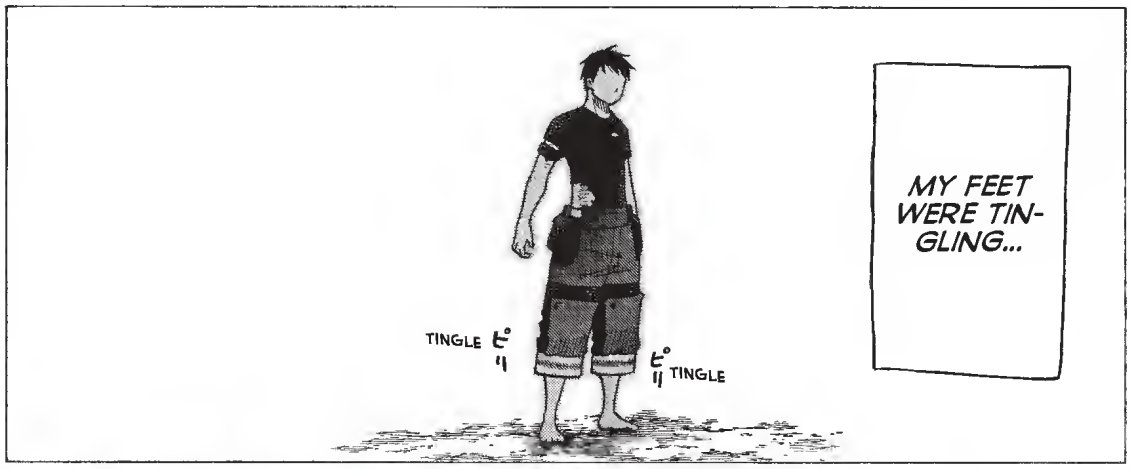
WHEN IT HAPPENED... I DID THINK I HEARD SOMETHING.
IT'S A HERO'S JOB TO COME RUNNING, ANY TIME, ANY PLACE!!


MY FEET WERE TIN-GLING...
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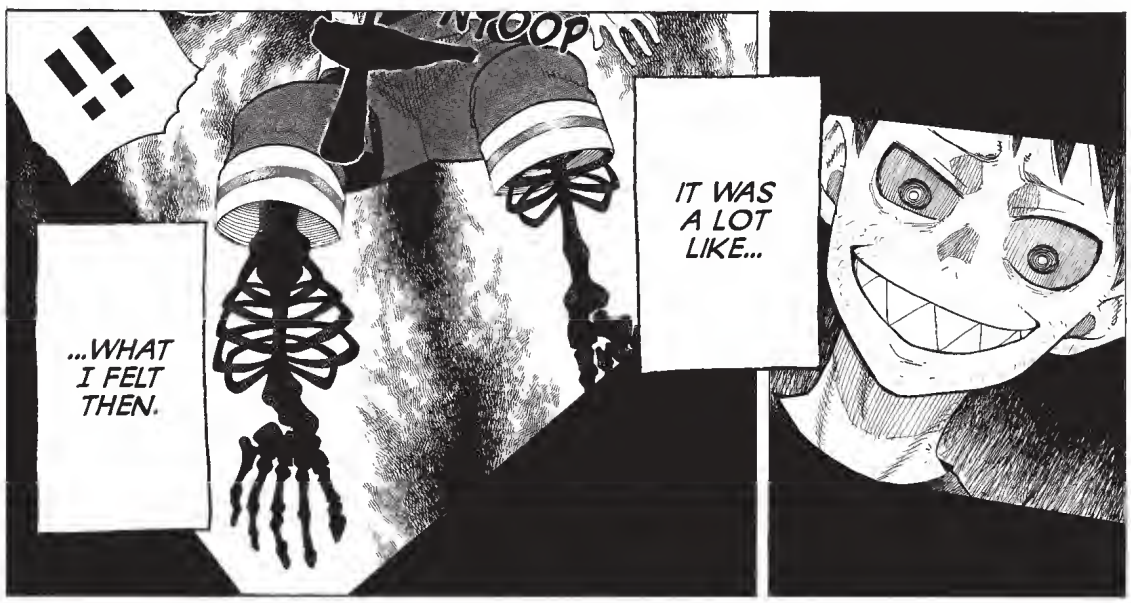
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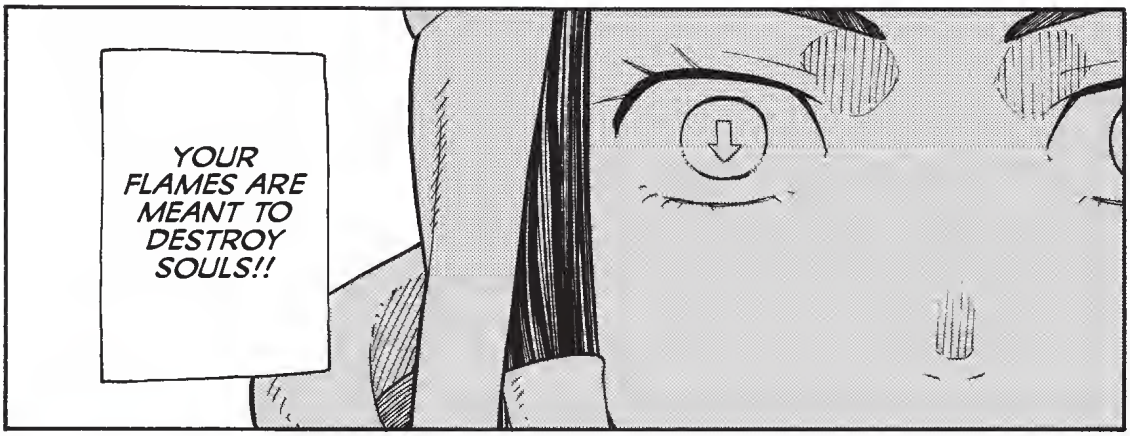
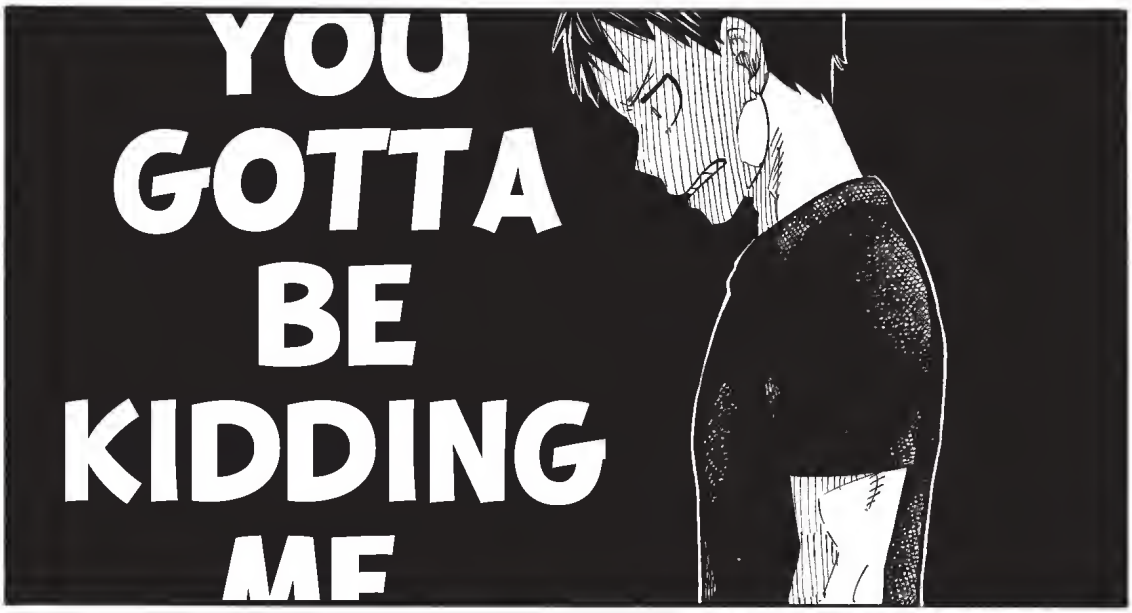
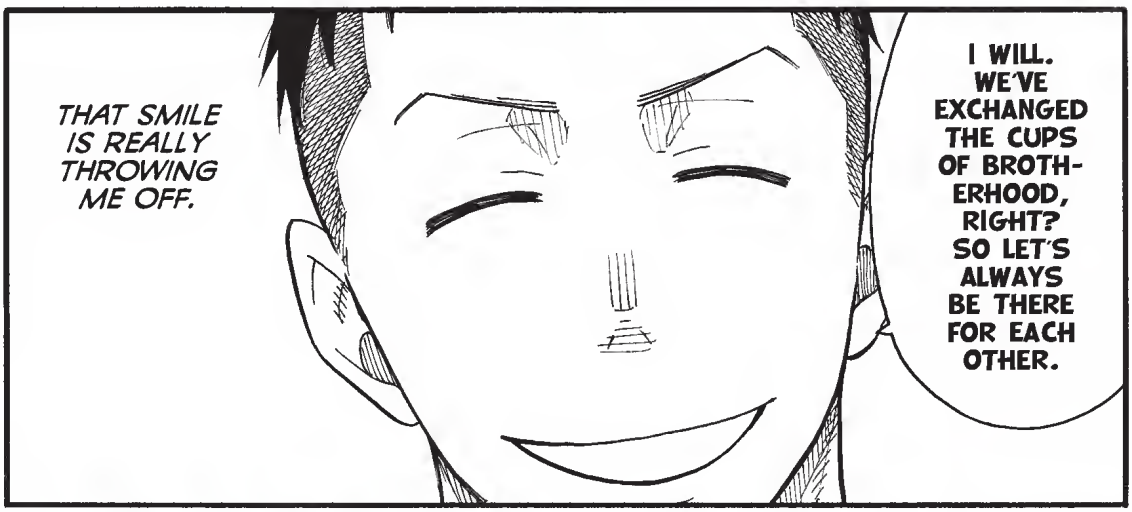
...WHAT I FELT THEN.
IT WAS A LOT LIKE...


YOUR FLAMES ARE MEANT TO DESTROY SOULS!!

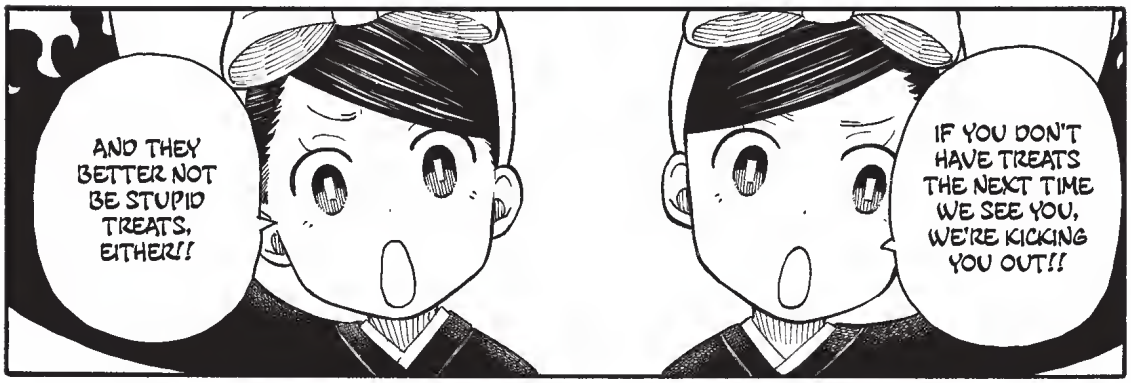

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME

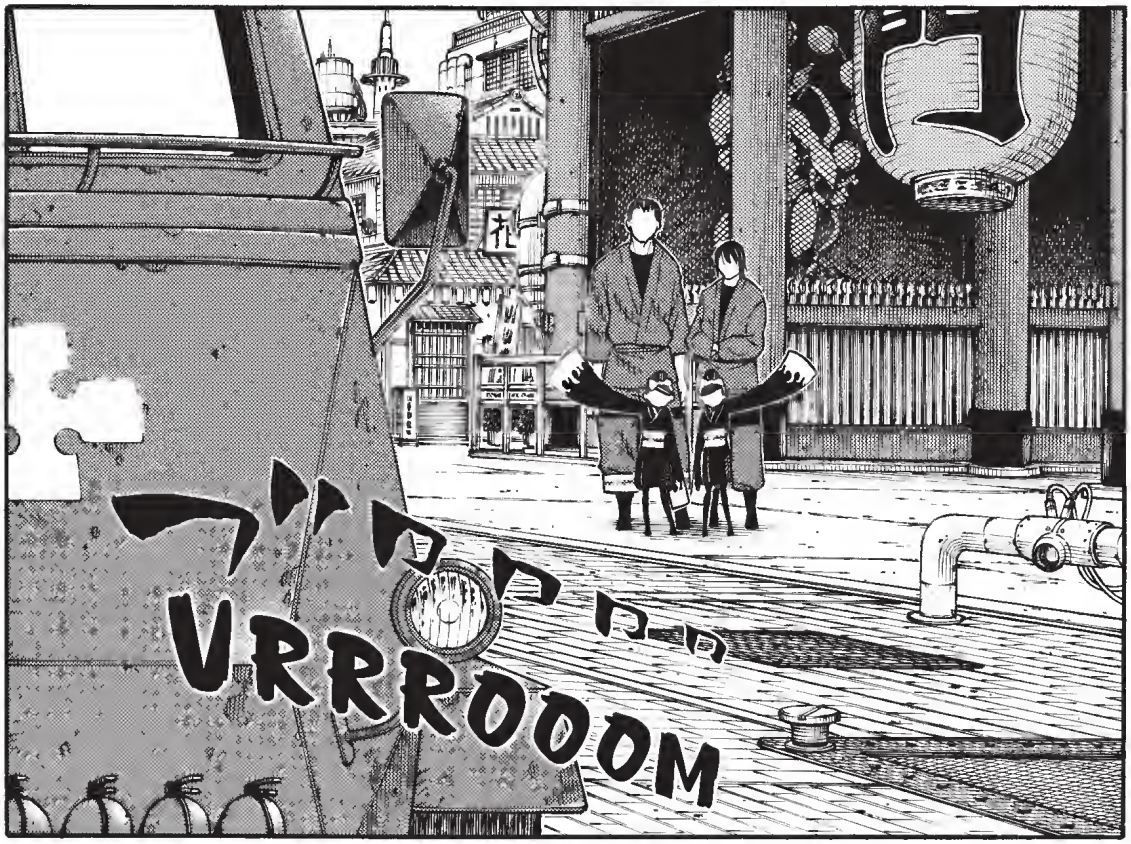
MAYBE CAPTAIN HIBANA KNOWS MORE ABOUT THEM.
"ADOLLA LINK"...
"ADOLLA BURST"...

CALL US IF YOU EVER NEED ANYTHING.
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP.
ŌBI AKITARU, RIGHT?


THAT SMILE IS REALLY THROWING ME OFF.
I WILL. WE'VE EXCHANGED THE CUPS OF BROTH-ERHOOD, RIGHT? SO LET'S ALWAYS BE THERE FOR EACH OTHER.

IT'S LIKE THEY'RE ALMOST TOO FRIENDLY NOW.
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THEY WERE SO HOSTILE WHEN WE FIRST GOT HERE.
GRIN
GRIN
GRIN


AND THEY BETTER NOT BE STUPID TREATS, EITHER!!
IF YOU DON'T HAVE TREATS THE NEXT TIME WE SEE YOU, WE'RE KICKING YOU OUT!!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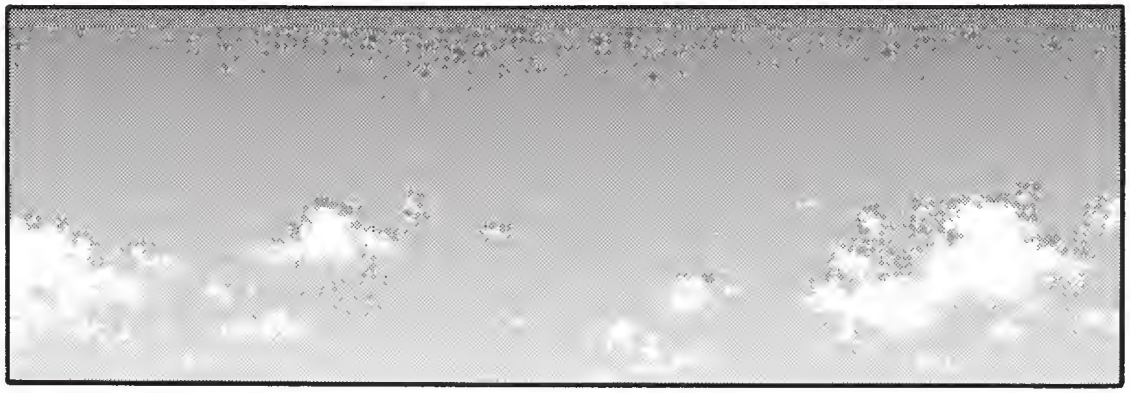

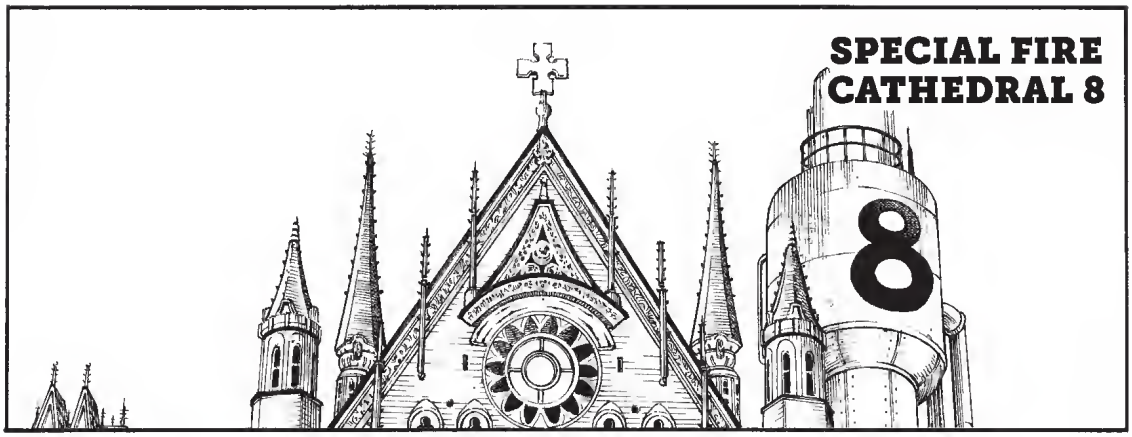
SPECIAL FIRE CATHEDRAL 8
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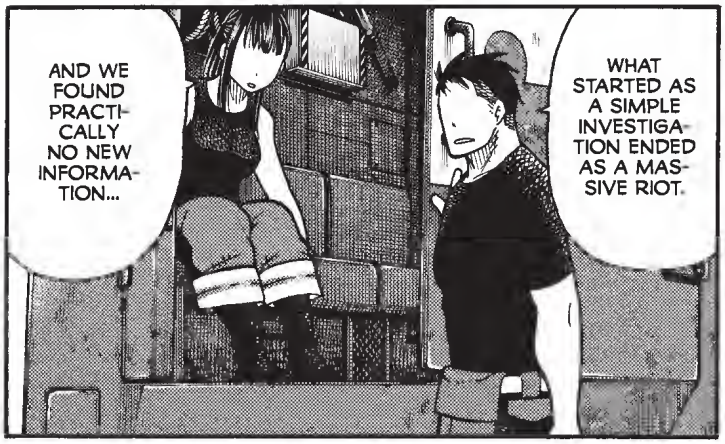
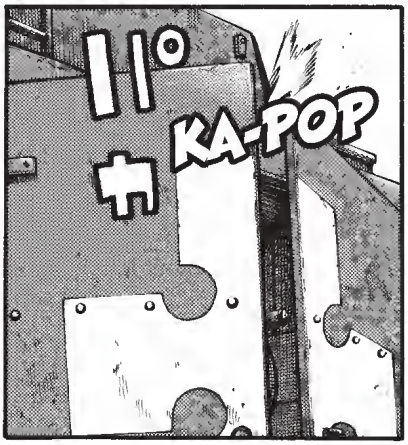
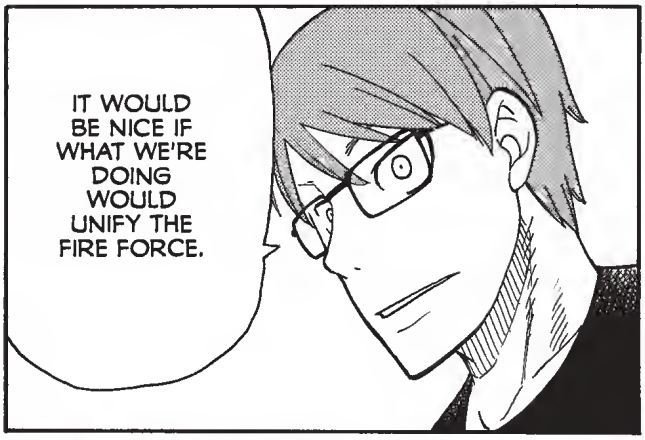
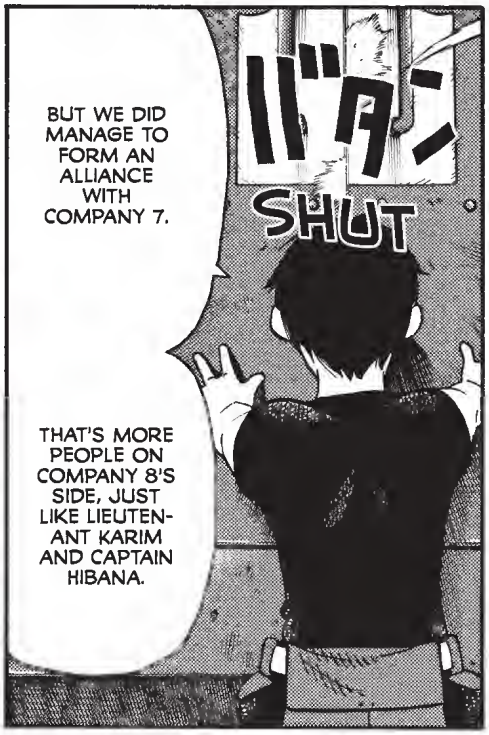
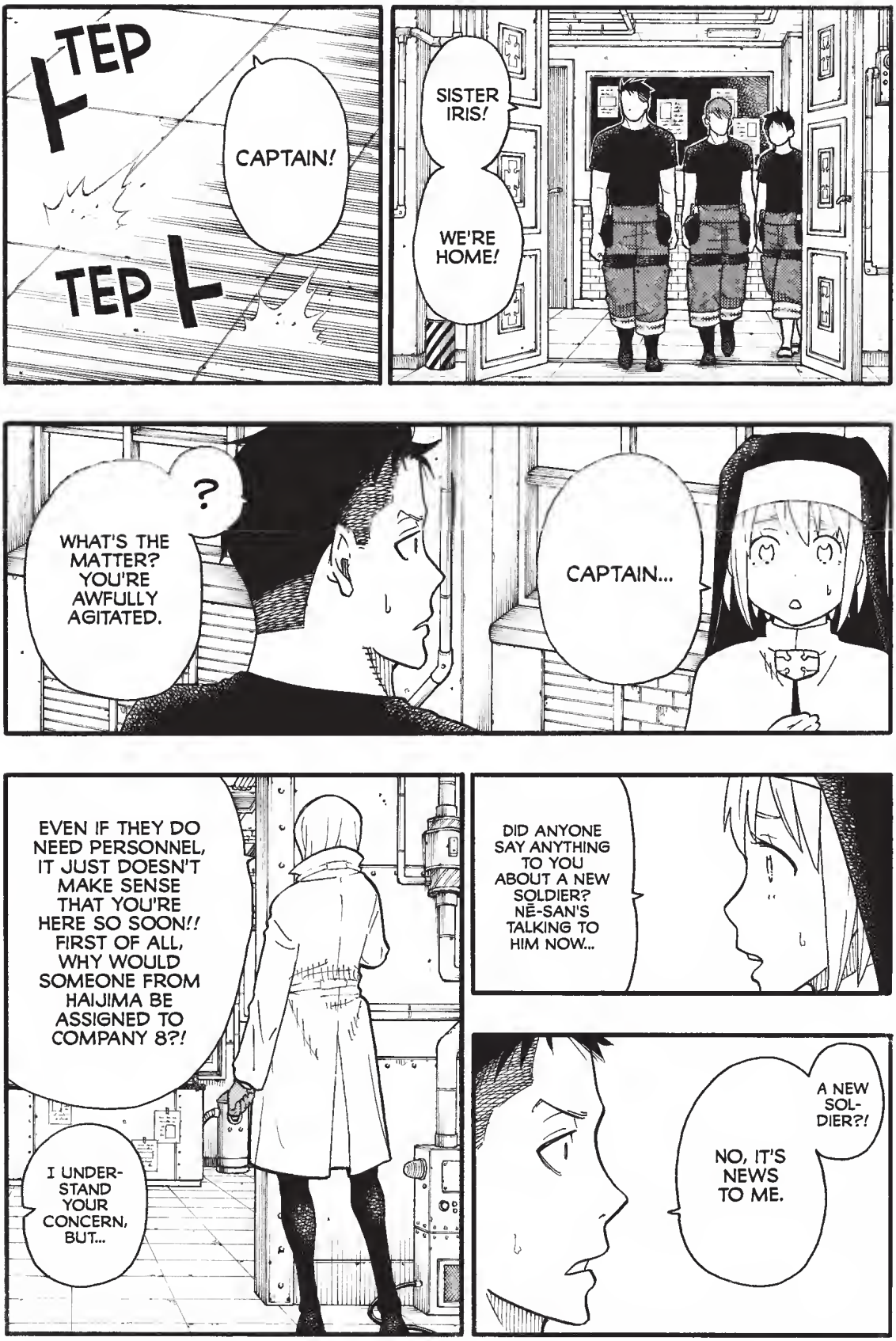

AND WE FOUND PRACTICALLY NO NEW INFORMATION...
WHAT STARTED AS A SIMPLE INVESTIGATION ENDED AS A MASSIVE RIOT.


KA-POP


IT WOULD BE NICE IF WHAT WE'RE DOING WOULD UNIFY THE FIRE FORCE.

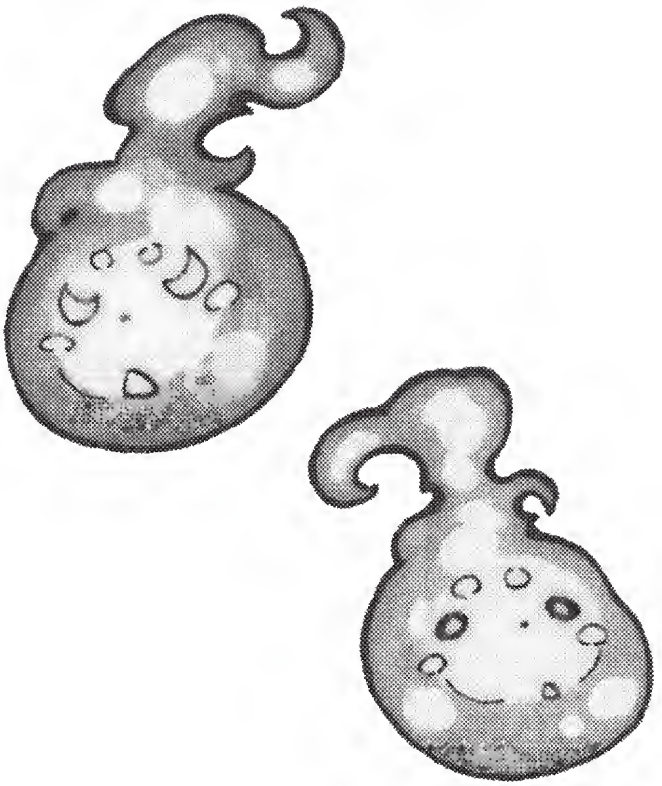

BUT WE DID MANAGE TO FORM AN ALLIANCE WITH COMPANY 7.
SHUT
THAT'S MORE PEOPLE ON COMPANY 8'S SIDE, JUST LIKE LIEUTENANT KARIM AND CAPTAIN HIBANA.

CREAK


TEP
CAPTAIN!
TEP
SISTER IRIS!
WE'RE HOME!
?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'RE AWFULLY AGITATED.
CAPTAIN...
EVEN IF THEY DO NEED PERSONNEL, IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE THAT YOU'RE HERE SO SOON!! FIRST OF ALL, WHY WOULD SOMEONE FROM HAIJIMA BE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY 8?!
I UNDER-STAND YOUR CONCERN, BUT...
DID ANYONE SAY ANYTHING TO YOU ABOUT A NEW SOLDIER? NĒ-SAN'S TALKING TO HIM NOW...
A NEW SOL-DIER?!
NO, IT'S NEWS TO ME.

HAIJIMA KNOWS YOU NEED A SCIENCE TEAM, AND THEY'RE USING IT AS AN EXCUSE TO FORCE THEIR OWN MAN ON YOU. THEY'RE PLOTTING SOMETHING.
ŌBI! FINALLY!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, CAPTAIN HIBANA?
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?!
IS THAT OUR NEW RECRUIT YOU'RE TALKING TO?
AFTER THE EVANGELIST INCIDENT, EVERY COMPANY IS UNDER IMPERIAL ORDER TO STEP UP THEIR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS.
FORCE?!
BUT YOU CAN'T IMPOSE ON ANOTHER COMPANY'S CAPTAIN FOREVER, CAN YOU?
THAT'S WHY HAIJIMA SENT ME.
SFF
IT'S TRUE WE WERE LOOKING FOR A SCIENTIST... BUT THANKS TO CAPTAIN HIBANA, WE'VE BEEN MANAGING JUST FINE.

I AM SPECIAL FIRE FORCE COMPANY 8'S NEW SCIENTIST. THE NAME'S VIKTOR LICHT.



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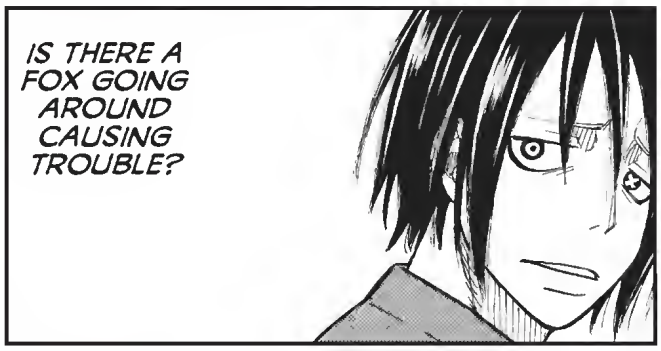
Translation Notes:

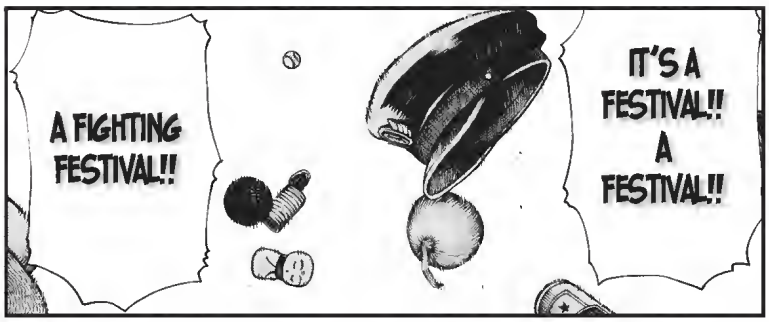
Is there a fox going around, page 48



In Japanese folklore, it is believed that foxes are not only cunning and sly, but have shape-shifting powers. In the legends, they will transform into a human, possibly a friend or acquaintance of their victim, to deceive people and cause mischief, leading to the saying, "As if tricked by a fox." While it is unclear whether or not Captain Shinmon believes in actual transforming foxes, with all the accusations flying around, it's a reasonable idiom for him to think of.

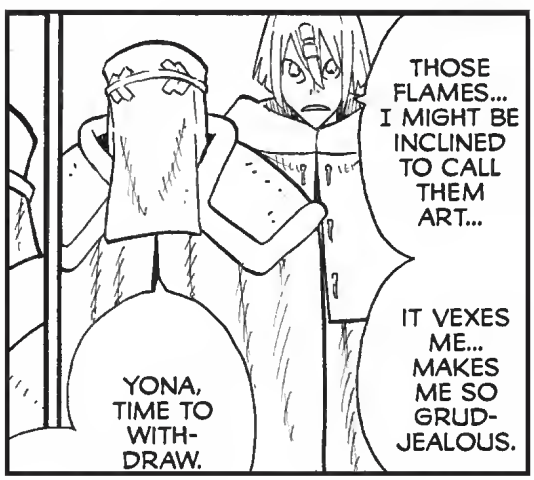
Fighting festival, page 118

In this case, a fighting festival is exactly what it sounds like—a big party where everyone beats each other up. The reader may also be interested to know that there are, in fact, fighting festivals in Japan, but not of this variety. A common feature of a Japanese festival is the carrying of the *mikoshi*, a portable shrine for transporting a deity. At a *kenka matsuri*, or fighting festival, there are multiple *mikoshi*, and those carrying them will smash them into each other, as if the gods inside are fighting. This contest is considered to be pleasing to the gods.



Grudjealous, page 170

The readers may have noticed that Yona tends to use some odd words. This one is a combination of "grudge" and "jealous," based on the original Japanese *jerashitto*, which combines the English word "jealousy" with the Japanese word for the term, *shitto*. It may or may not have been inspired by the a character from the *Super Sentai* (Japanese *Power Rangers*) series, *Kaizoku Sentai Gokaiger* (*Pirate Rangers Gokaiger*).



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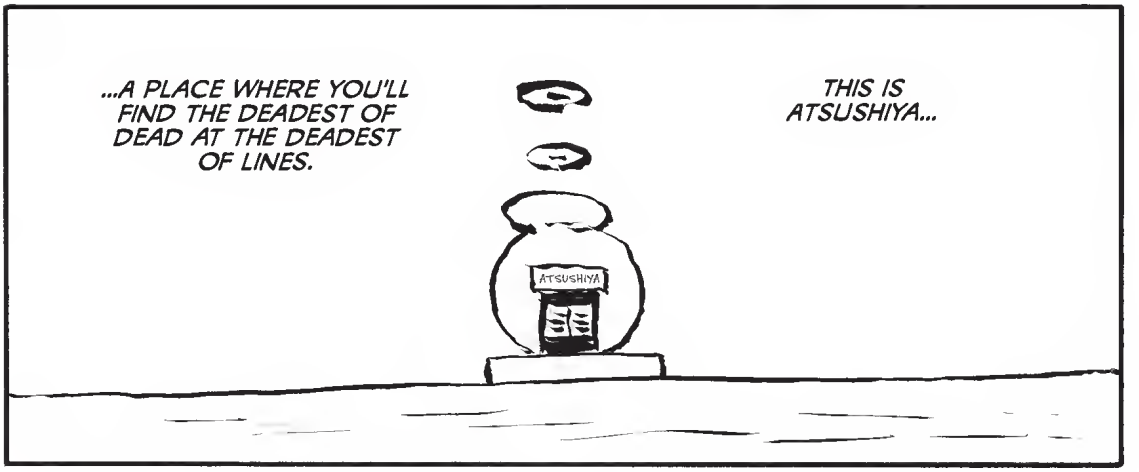
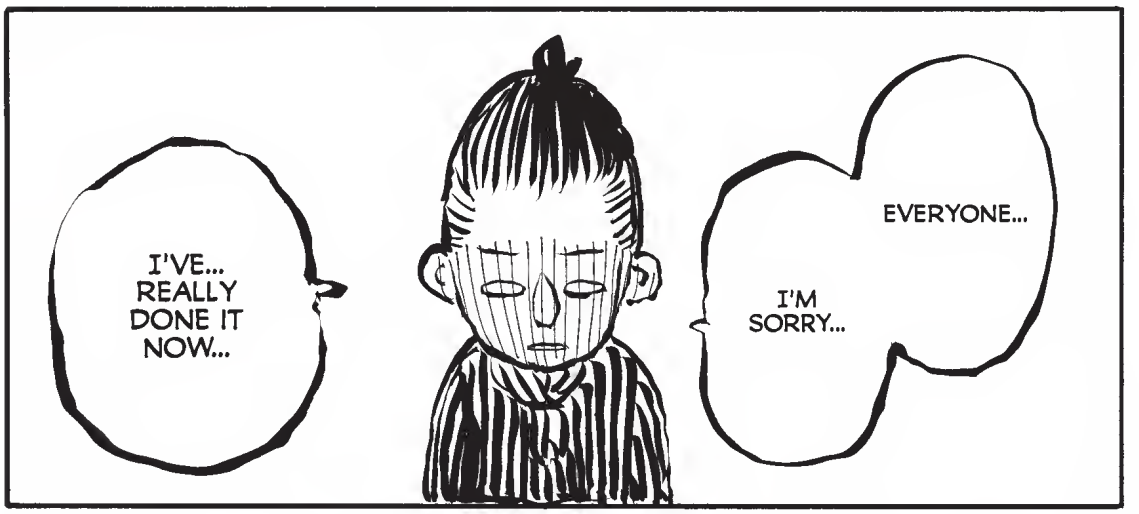
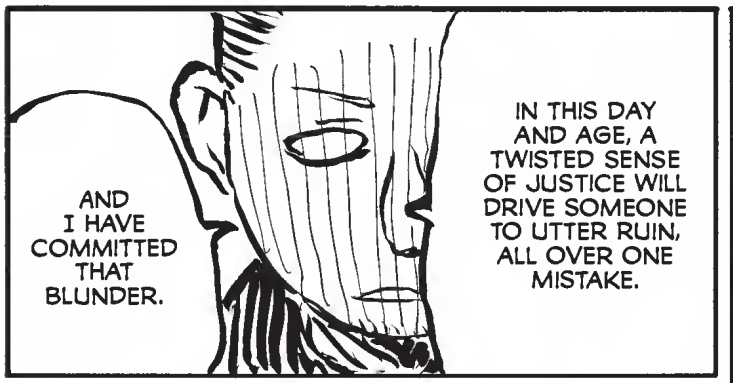

...A PLACE WHERE YOU'LL FIND THE DEADEST OF DEAD AT THE DEADEST OF LINES.
THIS IS ATSUSHIYA...
ATSUSHIYA


I'VE... REALLY DONE IT NOW...
EVERYONE...
I'M SORRY...


AND I HAVE COMMITTED THAT BLUNDER.
IN THIS DAY AND AGE, A TWISTED SENSE OF JUSTICE WILL DRIVE SOMEONE TO UTTER RUIN, ALL OVER ONE MISTAKE.

SPIT IT OUT ALREADY!! OR WE'LL RUIN YOU!!
SO WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

THINGS ARE ALWAYS RANDOM AROUND HERE.
THIS IS RANDOM. WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
SINCE WE ONLY HAVE TWO PAGES.

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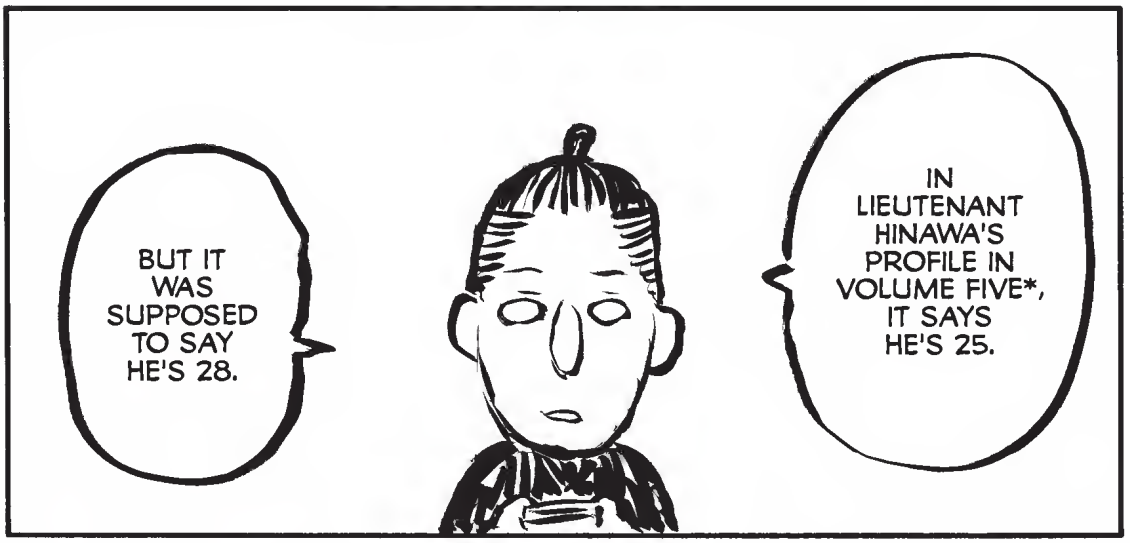

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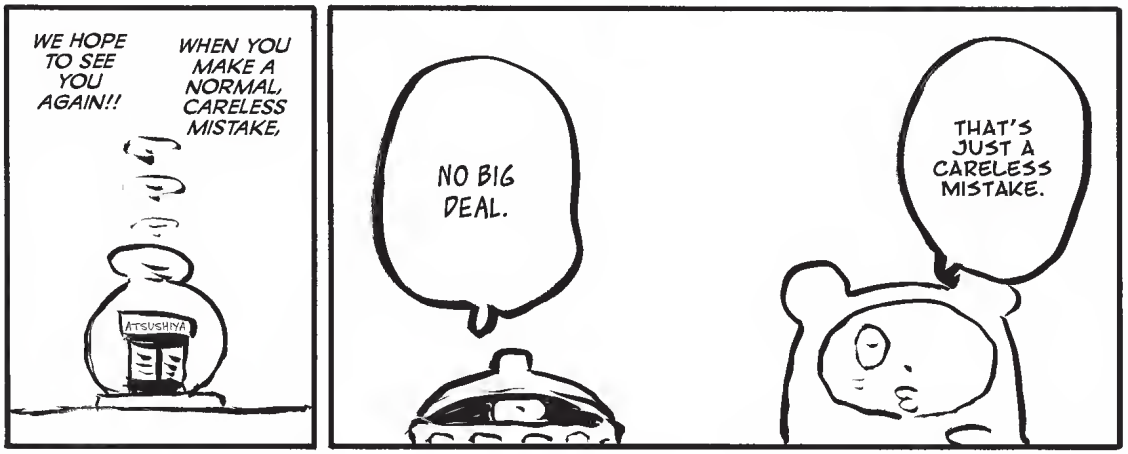


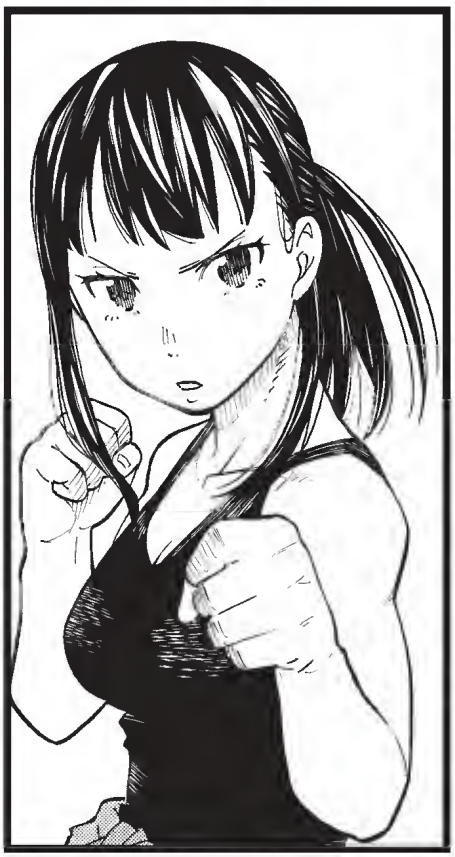
FIRE FORCE

MAKI OZE

AFFILIATION:
SPECIAL FIRE FORCE COMPANY 8

RANK:
FIRST CLASS FIRE SOLDIER

ABILITY:
SECOND GENERATION PYROKINETIC (CONTROLS FIRE; EXCELS AT DEFENSE)



Height	167 cm [5'6"]
Weight	The same as five apples ♥ (60 kg [132.3 lbs.])
Age	19 years
Birthday	September 16
Sign	Virgo
Bloodtype	O
Nickname	Ogress
Self-Proclaimed	Who are you calling a gorilla cyclops?!
Favorite Foods	Strawberries Flan Chicken breast
Least Favorite Food	Food that smells like the ocean, like sea urchin
Favorite Music	Pop music
Favorite Animal	Sloth
Favorite Color	Pastels
Her Type	Someone cheerful and funny
Who She Respects	Lieutenant Hinawa, Captain Ōbi
Who She Has Trouble Around	People who stare at her body
Who She's Afraid Of	Lieutenant Hinawa
Hobbies	Fortune telling Sewing
Daily Routine	Stargazing (while doing sit-ups)
Dream	To be a beautiful bride
Shoe Size	26 cm [10]
Eyesight	1.2 [20/16]
Favorite Subject	Language Arts
Least Favorite Subject	Math

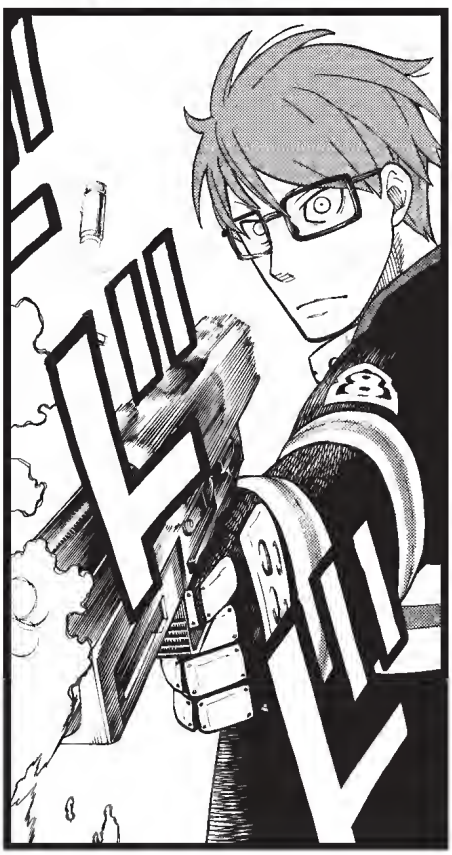
FIRE FORCE

TAKEHISA HINAWA

AFFILIATION: **SPECIAL FIRE FORCE COMPANY 8**

RANK: **LIEUTENANT**

ABILITY: **SECOND GENERATION PYROKINETIC (CONTROLS BULLETS FROM FIREARMS)**



Height	180 cm [5'11"]
Weight	74 kg [163.17 lbs.]
Age	25 years (actually 28, see page 199)
Birthday	September 23
Sign	Libra
Bloodtype	O
Nickname	The lieutenant with the weird hats and scary eyes.
Self-Proclaimed	A man of little importance.
Favorite Foods	Sushi
Least Favorite Food	Anything eaten with someone who has bad manners.
Favorite Music	Jazz
Favorite Animal	Dog
Favorite Color	Earth tones, like green
His Type	Calm women
Who He Respects	Captain Ōbi, Tōjō
Who He Has Trouble Around	Captain Princess Hibana
Who He's Afraid Of	No one in particular
Hobbies	Hiking Camping
Daily Routine	Firearms maintenance, being talked into buying overstocked clothing items by store employees.
Dream	To achieve Company 8's objective
Shoe Size	27.5 cm [9]
Eyesight	1.5 [20/12.5] (but has a strong astigmatism)
Favorite Subject	Loves all academic subjects, especially good at math
Least Favorite Subject	None

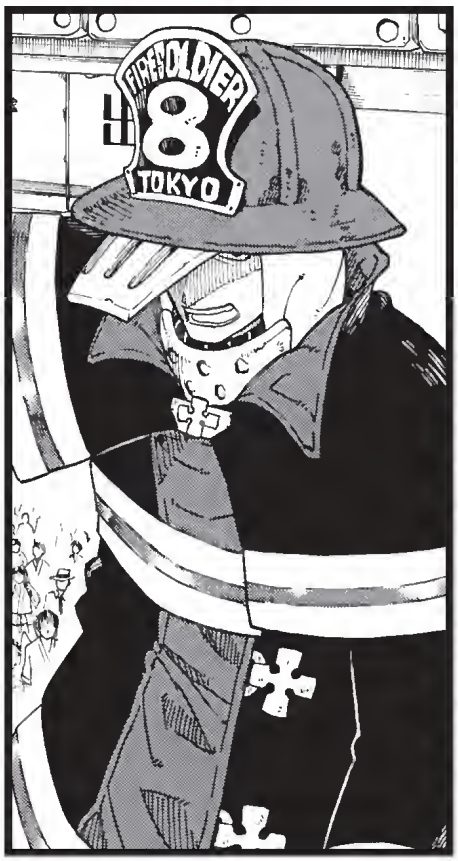
FIRE FORCE

AKITARU ŌBI

AFFILIATION: **SPECIAL FIRE FORCE COMPANY 8**

RANK: **CAPTAIN**

ABILITY: **NON-POWERED**



Height	189 cm [6'2"]
Weight	108 kg [238.14 lbs.]
Age	31 years
Birthday	March 27
Sign	Aries
Bloodtype	B
Nickname	Bodybuilding Gorilla
Self-Proclaimed	Non-powered
Favorite Foods	Chicken ramen
Least Favorite Food	Protein
Favorite Music	Rock
Favorite Animal	Dog
Favorite Color	Beige
His Type	Someone with a strong sense of justice
Who He Respects	The Chief of the Fire Defense Agency, his parents
Who He Has Trouble Around	Captain Princess Hibana
Who He's Afraid Of	Lieutenant Hinawa
Hobbies	Collecting records Basketball DIY Home Improvement (not good at it)
Daily Routine	Bodybuilding
Dream	To eradicate spontaneous human combustion from the world
Shoe Size	29 cm [11.5]
Eyesight	1.5 [20/12.5]
Favorite Subject	Industrial arts (got bad grades), history
Least Favorite Subject	None

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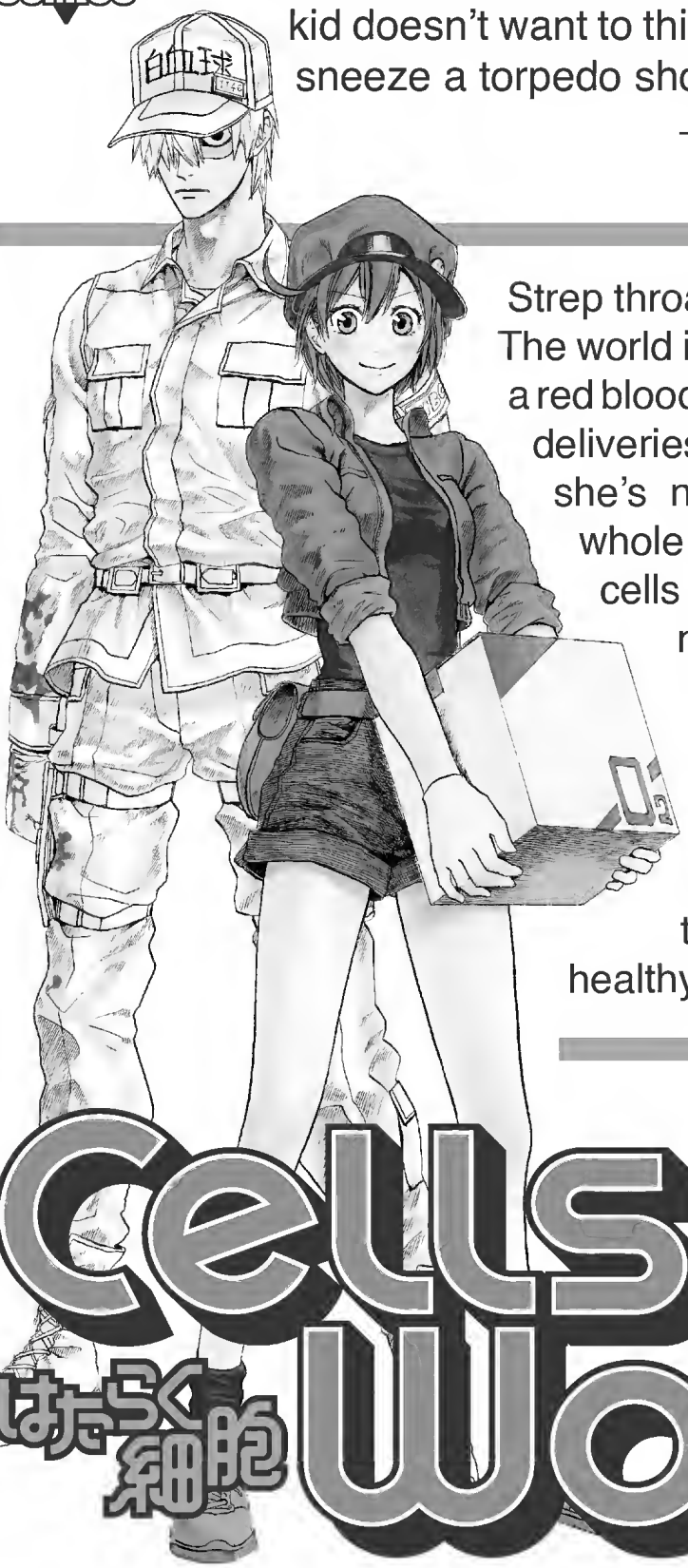

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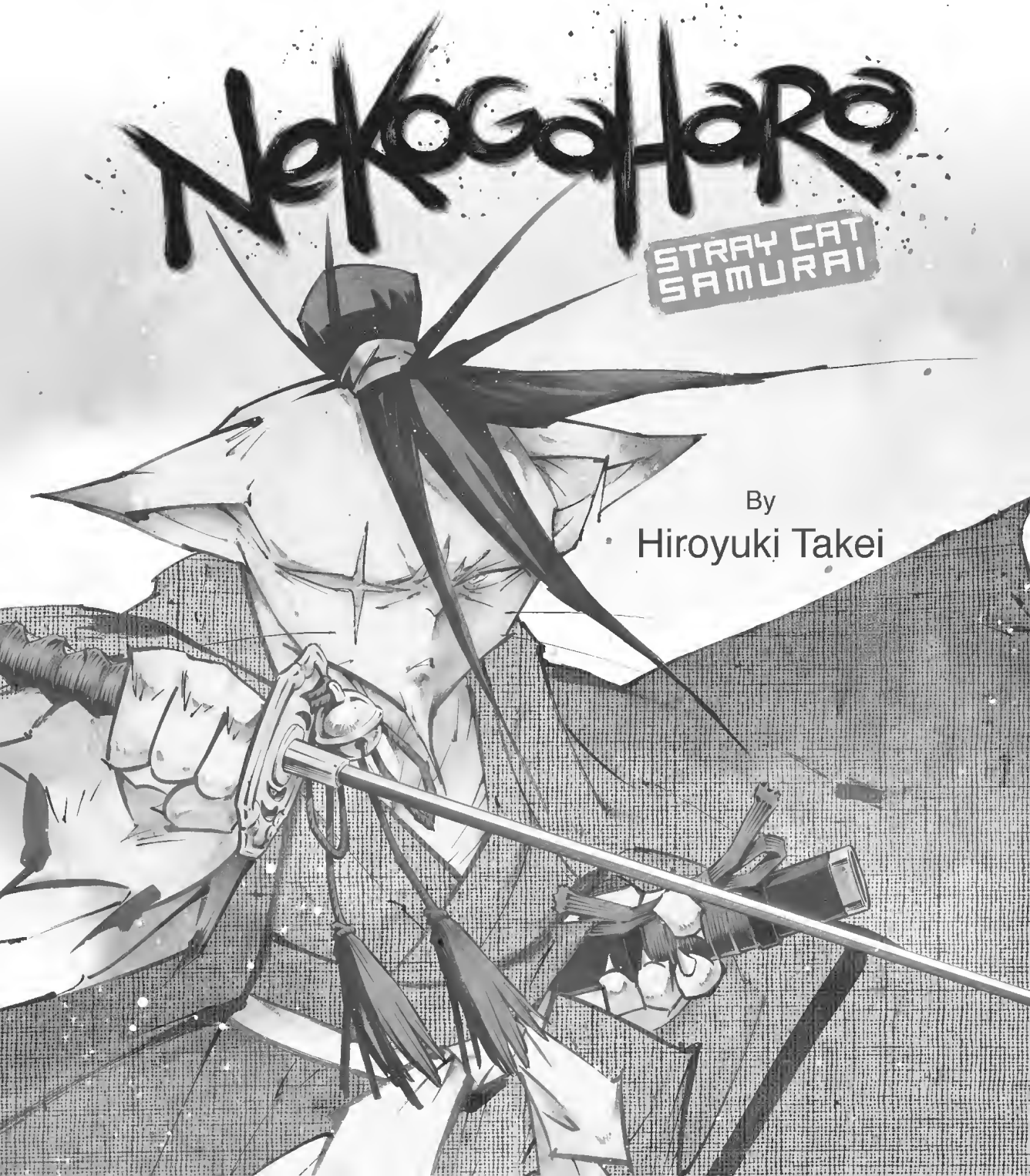

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